

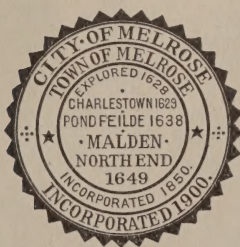


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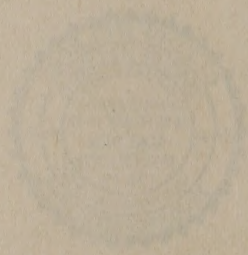
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ALBERT M. TIBBETTS, MAYOR

Inaugural Address of HON. ALBERT M. TIBBETTS

Mayor of Melrose, Massachusetts

January Third

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven

Mr. President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

The Purpose of this Inaugural Address is two-fold, first to give an account of the stewardship to which I was elected two years ago, and then to present for your consideration some of the problems affecting the interests of our City and its citizens which you and I must face in the two years which are before us.

The past two years, during which I have been at the head of the City Government, have been marked with unusual construction activities, involving an appropriation and expenditure of large sums of money. Although there may have been doubt in the minds of some of our citizens as to the need and wisdom of such appropriations and expenditures no one who was at all familiar with conditions as they existed would have questioned the wisdom of the Board of Aldermen in making the appropriations necessary to carry out the recommendations made by me in these two years, and you may rest assured that I made my recommendations only after careful study of the problems involved.

Let me review briefly for your information some of the major achievements which have been accomplished during the past two years.

The Addition to City Hall

This addition was constructed at a cost amounting approximately to \$63,000. It has provided commodious and modern offices for the Mayor; a beautiful, dignified Aldermanic Chamber with splendid Committee Rooms for the Board of Aldermen; new offices for the Planning Board, the Board of Appeal, the Park Commission, and the Cemetery Commission; new headquarters for the Police Department occupying the entire ground floor.

By the construction of this addition the overcrowded, congested conditions existing for so many years in City Hall have been entirely relieved and ample provision has been made for the proper transaction of the business of the City for the next 25 years.

The Addition and Repairs to Memorial Hall.

The construction of the new addition to Memorial Hall and the necessary repairs to the main building following the completion of this work cost approximately \$60,000. The magnificent memorial organ presented to the City by the late John C. F. Slayton, has been moved back into the new addition. The enlargement of the stage with property rooms and dressing rooms on the side now furnish almost as ample facilities for presenting theatrical and musical entertainment as will be found in most of the theatres in Boston. The roof of the building has been repaired, the exterior walls water-proofed and the entire interior re-decorated. A new system of drainage has been installed around the building and as a result there has been no water in the cellar for many months. The problems connected with this work on the Memorial Building have been the most serious and most perplexing of any that the administration has had to face.

The Advisory Board of the Memorial Building deserves much credit for the efficient manner in which it has handled the situation and I believe special credit should be given to Thomas J. Edwards, who, as chairman of the Board, has had to bear the brunt and burden of most of these problems. What we have today in this most beautiful new Memorial Building is due in no small measure to his untiring devotion to the task during the past two years.

The East Side Sewer

One of the most important projects involving the sanitation and health of the City has been the construction of the trunk line sewer in that section of the City known as the East Side. The estimated cost for this work was \$40,150 and involved the laying of 3,190 feet of pipe in places to a depth of 18 feet.

Although the money was appropriated for this work and the contract for it awarded just before I took office, the responsibility of expending the money appropriated and the carrying out of the construction of this sewer system fell on my administration. This is one of the most satisfactory and most important sewer plans undertaken by the City for many years. The work has been brought to a successful conclusion and within the appropriation.

The completion of this trunk sewer called immediately for the construction of lateral sewers to take care of sewerage on Burrell Street, Porter Street, School Street, Sawyer Road, Norman Road, Mooreland Road, Hillcrest Avenue, Enmore Road, East Street, Ardsmore Road, Howard Street, Clifford Street, part

of Upham Street and Highview Avenue. 10,000 feet of these lateral sewers have been laid in the past two years at a cost of approximately \$65,000.

The New Winthrop School

Another outstanding achievement of the past two years is the construction of the new Winthrop School. The cost of this building including the General Contract, Architect's Fees, and Furnishings, will amount approximately to \$200,000. It will be ready for the children of that district next Monday morning. It is a modern, up-to-date building. It has twelve regular class-rooms, one of which is designated as an open air class-room; a special class-room with work room adjoining for backward children; a specimen room built similar to a small conservatory or green-house where the children may have special work in nature study; a health unit of four small rooms with the necessary equipment; a small room to be used as a library or reading room for the children; a rest room for the teachers and offices for the principal; a special room for the branch of the Free Public Library, and a splendid auditorium with a seating capacity for 450 people.

Every effort has been made in planning this building to make it a real community center for the residents of that locality. I cannot at this time mention many of the minor details of this building that are worthy of your attention. Plans are being made to have the building open for inspection by the public at an early date. I hope that our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the building at that time.

Before leaving the subject let me state that in planning the building and in directing the construction I have kept in mind my pre-election promise made two years ago, that if any school building was erected during my administration the work would not be begun until the plans and specifications had been approved by the School Committee.

The plans and specifications of this building were approved by the School Committee before the work was begun and any suggestions of changes made by the School Committee or its representatives during the progress of the work have been incorporated in its construction.

Let me at this time publicly express my appreciation for the many helpful suggestions given me by the members of the School Committee both in the planning and construction of this building. I believe it stands as a monument to the splendid co-operation of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the Mayor.

The completion of this school building is not the end of our school building program. There is a serious overcrowded

condition in practically every elementary school in the City and particularly in the High School. The only solution of this condition is the erection of additional school buildings. The School Committee has been studying this problem for several months, and I am awaiting with interest their recommendations for continuing our school building program. Whatever these recommendations may be, I sincerely hope that your Honorable Board will appropriate the money necessary to carry out these recommendations and then let the citizens by the power of referendum signify their approval or disapproval of the judgment of the School Committee and the order of the Board of Aldermen.

Surface Drainage in Ward 3.

For years the residents of Ward 3 in the vicinity of Spot Pond Brook have been annoyed and their property more or less damaged by the overflow of surface drainage water from surrounding territory. For years they sought relief from the City Government but only such work was done as would tend to offer them temporary relief.

During the past two years a careful study of this situation was made by Mr. Emerson, the City Engineer, new plans were made, and a drainage system has now been installed which we believe will care for the surface drainage water and relieve the residents of that section of the City from further damage to their property from this source.

The cost of this work was approximately \$9,100.

The New City Stables

Another notable achievement of the past two years has been the erection of the new City Stables at the City Yard on Tremont Street. For years residents of the Wyoming Section of the City have been trying to rid that district of the unsightly and unsanitary city stables located on Pleasant Street. Today that building is gone and everything has been removed to the new plant. The horses are now properly housed in fine modern stables; sheds provide ample room for keeping all the outfits of this department, and garages provide storage for the automotive equipment. The cost of this unit has been approximately \$30,000.

There is a second unit of the plans yet to be constructed at an approximate cost of \$24,000. This unit will include a blacksmith shop, repair shop for the automotive equipment, meter testing room for the Water Department, and storage facilities for the tools and other equipment of the Highway, Water and Sewer Departments.

The request for an appropriation for the construction of this second unit was sent by me to the Board of Aldermen late last year and will be referred to you. I hope that your Honorable Board will grant this request that the original plans may be carried out and the entire plant completed.

While on this subject I would strongly recommend that the site of the old City Stables be set aside for Park purposes. This land is contiguous to the Lincoln School Playground and at very small expense can be developed into a beautiful park similar to Bowden Park near the Melrose Station.

Repairs to City Hall

Although the repairs and renovations in City Hall are insignificant in cost when compared with the projects already mentioned it is one of the achievements of which I am particularly proud.

Through the fine co-operation of the Board of Aldermen funds to the amount of \$12,500 were provided me in the annual budgets of the two years for doing this work and I have the feeling that the public believes that the money was wisely appropriated and carefully expended. So long had this fine old building been neglected that it was hard to tell where to begin. The first year I devoted all my attention to the exterior of the building, which was in a most serious condition. The slate roof which had been leaking badly for some time was repaired; all the woodwork on the exterior was repaired and in many instances, particularly on the tower, was replaced and then given two coats of paint. These larger items of repair with many smaller ones have completed the extraordinary work on the exterior, and with proper attention year by year no such large expenditure of money should ever be required for this purpose again.

The second year I devoted my attention to the corridors and offices on the main floor. The old floors of the corridors and those of the offices were covered with a magnesite base on which was laid linoleum. The walls and woodwork of the corridors and all the offices were thoroughly cleaned and painted or varnished—for the first time in years. The work on this floor has been completed and the city officials now have clean, wholesome, attractive quarters.

There are still some changes to be made in the hall worthy of serious consideration. The space now occupied by the old police cells should be remodelled into public comfort stations, a convenience which is required by Law in towns and cities of over 10,000 population.

A decent office should be provided for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, a department which is growing in importance every year, and which has valuable, delicate instruments which should be properly protected in suitable quarters. At present this office is in the cellar of City Hall.

I shall include in my Annual Budget this year an appropriation sufficient to complete these changes and I hope that it will meet with the approval of your Honorable Board.

Grading at Roosevelt School

Another problem which devolved upon my administration and for which I was in no way responsible, was the grading of the embankment at the Roosevelt School between the building and Vinton Street.

This work has been completed with granolithic abutments, terraces, walks and fence, at a cost of approximately \$16,000. The money to provide for the construction of this grading was appropriated by the Board of Aldermen in 1925 from certain reserve funds in the City Treasury.

The Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is the most important of any in the City. The work of its various divisions reaches out and affects the convenience and well being of practically every citizen. Its work is done in the open. With the exception of the School Department it spends more of the tax payers money than all the other departments put together. Its watchword day and night all through the year must be service—service quick and satisfactory, thus only can it win the good will of the public.

Under the efficient management of Frank Emerson, the new City Engineer, I believe that this Department has furnished a higher degree of service to the public in the past two years than at any time in the history of the City.

With the purchase of four new sanitary garbage wagons and larger ash trucks and the reorganization of these two divisions the collection of garbage and ashes has been made regularly and promptly and so much to the satisfaction of the householders that the Department receives scarcely one complaint a week.

Out highways have been thoroughly repaired and constructed and are now in better condition than they have been for years—at least that is the report that constantly comes to us from the travelling public.

The Water, Sewer and Drainage Divisions of this Department have had their problems in the last two years. Building development has extended out into the outlying sections of the City and the opening of new streets for building con-

struction has demanded unprecedented extension of our Water, Sewer and Drainage systems, all requiring unusual expenditures of money.

The demand has been met by the Heads of these Divisions with such energy and purpose that the extension of these utilities has kept so abreast with the building extension that these Divisions are ready this year to continue this work immediately when the demand arises.

Let me show you what this general statement means when expressed in terms of figures.

The Water Division in 1925 laid 8,685 feet of water mains and in 1926 5,303 feet of water mains, or an average of 6,990 feet for the two years, as compared with an average of 3,904 for the four years preceeding my administration.

The Sewer Division in 1925 laid 11,746 feet of sewer mains and in 1926 6,500 feet of sewer mains, or an average of 9,123 feet as compared with an average of 2,548 feet for the four years preceeding my administration.

The Surface Drainage Division in 1925 laid 3,430 feet of pipe and in 1926 4,716 feet or an average of 4,073 feet as compared with an average of 2,181 feet for the four years preceeding my administration, or in other words these Divisions did practically twice as much work in the years 1925 and 1926 as was done in the four years preceeding that time.

New labor saving and time saving equipment has been purchased for this Department during the past two years. The Street Sweeper is doing efficient work in keeping our streets in a clean, wholesome condition. The new compressor has paid for itself during the past Season as has also the new Sewer Cleaner. The new tractor and plow purchased last month adds another important unit to our snow removal equipment and will materially speed up the clearing of our highways of snow.

The Police Department

The clean, wholesome, commodious quarters for the Police Department on the first floor of the new addition to City Hall with its thoroughly modern and up-to-date equipment have done much to increase the morale and efficiency of both officers and men in the Department. There is still need of supplying further equipment to bring it up to its highest degree of efficiency.

New police signal boxes must be installed this year in those out-lying sections of the City which now have to be regularly patrolled and which are not at present protected by such apparatus.

I recommend also the purchase of a new Combination Ambulance. The one at present in use by the Department was purchased in 1919 when automotive equipment of this type

was in an experimental stage. It is now out of date, it is constantly in need of major repairs, it is in more or less dangerous condition for driving. It should be replaced with a new, modern piece of apparatus which would be in instant readiness in case of emergency calls.

I recommend also the purchase of another motor-cycle. The two we have at present have done wonderful service. The constant patrolling of the City night and day afforded by the use of these machines has done much to lessen petty offences, which although not serious have been a source of constant annoyance to the Department. There are also many times when the Department could use three motorcycles for emergency calls and for the proper protection of the public.

The automobile traffic problem is still with us and is receiving constant attention and study by the Police Department. Several parking ordinances have been passed by the Board of Aldermen and some streets have been designated as one way streets on the recommendation of the Captain of Police. Traffic officers are now stationed at dangerous points near school houses to protect the children during the hours of opening and closing of school. There are several dangerous blind intersections of streets throughout the City. Captain Heaton is at present working in conjunction with the Manager of the Malden Electric Company and the General Electric Company of Lynn on a system of traffic lights to protect these intersections. I expect a comprehensive report from him in the near future.

The Fire Department

I have the following recommendations to make relative to the Fire Department.

I recommend the erection at an early date of a new Fire Station at the Highlands. There is no reason why I should present a lengthy argument on the need of this new Station. The salient facts are that the present building is old, wholly unfit for occupancy, and so dilapidated that it would be a most wasteful expenditure of money if any attempt were made to repair it. Its location on Franklin Street with the heavy through traffic passing over it makes a hurried exit of the apparatus from this Station extremely hazardous to the travelling public.

I recommend the purchase of a new Combination Pump for the Department to replace the old piece of apparatus now in use at Hose 4. This Combination Chemical is over 15 years old, is out of date and wholly unfit and no longer adequate for the proper protection of that section of the City and the general efficiency of the Department as a whole.

I recommend also that the Chief of the Fire Department and the Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works make a study of the location of the fire hydrants throughout the City, particularly in the business section, with a view to materially increasing the number of hydrants where they are apparently too few in number for the proper protection of the City.

The Park Department

The Park Department is faced with problems which will require a great deal of study during the next few years.

There is still need for a new bath house at Ell Pond. The temporary structure which was erected last year has only solved the problem for the time being, and if the patronage at the Pond, both in the Summer and in the Winter continues to increase as it has during the past few years suitable conveniences and accommodations must be provided for those using the Pond for pleasure and recreation.

The most serious problem which the Park Department has to face is the matter of saving Ell Pond for the future enjoyment of our people. It is a problem which demands immediate consideration and attention. The increased weight on the territory adjoining the Pond due to the construction of the new Athletic Field, the Boulevard, and the dump which has been used for so many years on the Boulevard side of the Pond, has pushed the soft mud or ooze out into the Pond until it is nearly filled up to the surface from Tremont Street almost to the bathing beach. Unless something is done at once to stop the further filling up of the Pond it is only a question of a few years before the Westerly end of the Pond will disappear as a Pond and will be only a mud hole.

It is my intention in the early part of this year to have a conference with the Park Commission and make some arrangements for having a thorough and careful study made of this situation by experts with a view to saving what to my mind is one of the greatest assets our City possesses.

Another recommendation which I would make in connection with the splendid work which the Park Commission is doing for the children of our City, is the installation of a small paddling pool for the little children at the Common on the East Side. I believe this can be constructed at a very moderate cost, that it can be taken care of by the Fire Department at Hose 4, and that it will furnish unlimited enjoyment to the smaller children of that section of the City who are too young to make the journey to Ell Pond. There is a Paddling Pool of this kind on the playground which is maintained by the Amoskeag Manufacturing

Company at Manchester, N. H., and it is a source of much enjoyment for the children who are allowed the use of that playground.

The Public Library

The value of our Public Library to the residents of our City and its use by them is increasing every year. I learn from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library that the circulation at the main library alone has increased over ten per cent above the circulation of 1925. We now have a branch library at the Highlands, at the East Side, at Wyoming, and in Precinct 2 of Ward 7.

We will, however, soon be confronted, in fact we are even now confronted, with the need of more room in the main library building, room for the storage of books, to provide stack room for the increasingly large number of books that are being bought from year to year, and room to meet the growing demands of our citizens upon the Library, and for the extension of the work of the library along lines which the progress of the present day is continually opening before us. This will undoubtedly mean the construction of an addition to the present library building some time in the near future.

I am of the opinion also that it would be a wise investment for the City to erect a building for the Highlands Branch of the Library which in addition to library facilities would provide accommodations for community activities. We are at present paying \$600 yearly for rent for the Highlands Branch.

The Board of Health

The Chairman of the Board of Health reports to me "that the general health of the Community with respect to contagious diseases has been good throughout the year, and that by every sanitary test that can be applied Melrose ranks among the foremost as a good, healthful, sanitary City."

As you probably know health work with the children of the public schools is continually increasing, and I am glad to report that the Health Department of the City and the School Department have worked together during the past two years in closest cooperation and that there have been no contentions or controversies between these two departments since health work has started in the schools.

The Planning Board

The Planning Board has given very serious and thoughtful study to the various problems which have been presented to it during the past two years. Some revision has been made in the Zoning Laws as first established, and while I believe that these Zoning Laws are working efficiently and to the best interests

of the majority, I am of the firm opinion that by further study of these problems the Planning Board will reach the conclusion that certain changes and modifications can be made which will allow for additional territory to be zoned for the erection of apartment and two family houses. The area given over to this type of construction at the present time is very small and the demand for apartments of this nature seems to be growing all the time.

The Building Code

I desire also to call to the attention of your Honorable Board the need of having a thorough revision made of the Building Code in our City. In order that this may be properly done it will require considerable time on the part of those making the revision, and I believe that your Honorable Board should provide for an appropriation sufficient to reimburse those who are appointed to do this work.

Soldiers' Relief

The work of the Department of Soldiers' Relief has been most efficiently carried on by the Agent, Miss Mary A. Kenah.

The appropriation necessary for the proper administration of this department will probably increase from year to year, as it provides funds not only for relief for veterans of the Civil War but also for veterans of all wars.

The City Collector

The City Collector has called my attention to a matter connected with his office which I think merits your attention.

The City has at present in its possession over 100 pieces of property which have been taken by the City for non-payment of taxes, which taxes in some cases date back over twenty years, and which apparently the owners have abandoned. We can do nothing toward disposing of the property so seized for non-payment of taxes on account of being unable to give a clear title. If the right of redemption were to be foreclosed on these properties we would find a market for them and sell the same to people who would build and bring in an increase in taxes.

I would recommend that your Honorable Board have a proper committee investigate this situation and if possible make an appropriation sufficient to put these various pieces of property through the Land Court under Chapter 60 of the General Laws, Section 65 to 78 inclusive. Any amount spent to accomplish this could be returned to the City as a part of the sale price of the property.

Other Departments

In conclusion let me say that the other departments and commissions in the City which I have not mentioned in this address have all been conducting their business in an efficient manner. They have no problems before them at the present time which demand your consideration.

Conclusion

Mr. President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Our fellow citizens have entrusted to us for the next two years the business of managing the affairs of our City. The fulfillment of the duties delegated to us will many times call for real personal sacrifice. The unlimited opportunities for service which will attend these duties will carry with them a satisfaction and reward commensurate with the faithfulness with which we perform them. In the performance of our duties many of our acts will meet with criticism, but we may rest content if we know that our judgments have been reached after thoughtful study of the problems involved.

We have in our care these next two years not alone the financial affairs of the City but the health and happiness, comfort and well being, of all our good people. The responsibility is great. Let us face it with courage and with a determination to merit the approval of our fellow citizens when the task is done and our term of office ended.

GOVERNMENT

of the City of Melrose, 1926

Mayor

ALBERT M. TIBBETTS

President of the Board of Aldermen

JOHN DIKE

Clerk Board of Aldermen

VICTOR C. KIRMES

Aldermen-at-Large

	Ward
George H. Jackman, 273 Porter Street	4
Alfred C. Malm, 89 Malvern Street	7
Lorin A. Presby, 20 Emerson Place	4
Eben M. Taylor, 51 Bellevue Avenue	4

Ward Aldermen

	Ward
Frank H. Noyes, 14 North Avenue	1
Russell B. Hall, 133 Rowe Street	2
John F. Ruffe, 8 South Cedar Park	3
John Dike, 112 West Emerson Street	4
Charles B. Camerlin, 88 Florence Street	5
Walter A. T. Norris, 136 East Foster Street	6
Joseph A. Milano, 115 Grove Street	7

CITY OF MELROSE

Melrose Board of Aldermen

Standing Committees for 1926.

Appropriations

Jackman, Chairman. Hall, Noyes, Rufe, Camerlin, Norris, Taylor,
Presby.

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Malm, Chairman. Presby, Noyes, Hall, Norris.

Finance

Presby, Chairman. Norris, Taylor, Malm, Camerlin.

Highways

Norris, Chairman. Rufe, Noyes, Hall, Jackman, Camerlin,
Milano.

Legal and Legislative

Milano, Chairman. Noyes, Malm.

Protection and Licenses

Camerlin, Chairman. Jackman, Taylor, Hall, Rufe.

Public Service

Rufe, Chairman. Milano, Jackman, Presby, Taylor.

President Ex-Officio a member of all standing committees.

Clerk of Committees

GEORGE W. ROGERS

City Officers

City Clerk

VICTOR C. KIRMES

Assistant City Clerk and Clerk of Committees

George W. Rogers

City Treasurer

George H. Towne—Resigned July 7, 1926.

John T. King, pro tem from July 7 to August 11, 1926

S. Homer Buttrick—From August 11, 1926.

City Collector

William A. Carrie

City Auditor

William T. Wolley

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works

Frank Emerson

City Solicitor

Oscar Storer

Mayor's Secretary

Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Fire Department

Frank C. Newman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain of Police

Louis B. Heaton

Inspector of Buildings

Angus MacDonald

CITY OF MELROSE

Inspector of PlumbingFred A. Young

Inspector of FoodKenneth B. Hadley

Inspector of Animals and SlaughteringCalvert H. Playdon

Inspector of Milk and VinegarH. E. Berger, Jr.

Collector of Milk SamplesThomas F. Harris

Sealer of Weights and MeasuresPhilip B. Carruthers

Supt. Brown Tail and Gypsy MothsFrank Emerson

Burial AgentMary A. Kenah

Agent State Military Aid and Soldiers' ReliefMary A. Kenah

Assessors

John C. Croll

Frederick W. Patten

Joshua T. Nowell

Assistant Assessors

Mary Anderton

Helen Hebblethwaite

Pearl W. Moore

Inspector of WiresFred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Clarence P. Holden, M. D., Chairman

Melvin S. McLeod, M. D.

Rev. Lester L. Lewis—To July 1926

Melvin A. Walter—From July 1926

CITY OFFICERS

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City Physician

Clarence P. Holden, M. D.

School Physicians

Elizabeth Hirst

Edward L. Marr

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Myrtle S. Meriam

Board of Public Welfare

Adeline G. Reed, Chairman

Gertrude Provandie

Thomas F. Troy

Park Commission

Richard J. Lord, Chairman	Term expires	1930
Neil S. Casey	" "	1927
George E. Manser	" "	1928
Edward L. Evans	" "	1929
Roy L. Bosworth	" "	1931
George W. Rogers, Clerk		

Superintendent of Schools

Herman H. Stuart

School Committee

Harry F. Sears, Chairman	Term expires	1926
Henry N. Andrews	" "	1926
Frank J. Sherman	" "	1926
Maude M. Johnson	" "	1926
Bertha H. Marshall	" "	1926
Josiah D. Bullens	" "	1928
Helen S. Campbell	" "	1928
Henry T. Claus	" "	1928
Elmer O. Goodridge	" "	1928

Sinking Fund Commissioners

Edward J. Kitching, Chairman	Term expires	1928
Maurice C. Cochrane	" "	1927
Franklin P. Shumway	" "	1929

CITY OF MELROSE

Trustees Public Library

Rev. Paul Sterling, Chairman	Term expires	1927
Ralph G. Harmon	" "	1927
Neil A. Divver	" "	1928
Mary D. Dike	" "	1928
Mary C. Barton	" "	1929
Frank W. Campbell	" "	1929

Cemetery Committee

Harold W. Anderson Albert G. Armington Carl F. Shaw
 Roscoe A. Leavitt, Supt., Wyoming Cemetery
 Asa Childs, Inspector of Graves, Soldiers and Sailors

Registrars of Voters

Edwin L. Cragin, Chairman	Term expires	1928
Charles E. Holt	" "	1927
John J. Keating	" "	1929

Dog Officer

M. James Hanley

Keeper of the Lock-up

Louis B. Heaton

Fence Viewers

Daniel J. Lucey, Chairman
 Lewis C. Hoyt
 Willis A. Smith

Planning Board

Eva G. Osgood, Chairman	Term expires	1927
Caroline H. Blake	" "	1927
Melvin A. Walter (Resigned June 21, 1926) ..		
Chester B. Allen	" "	1927
(Appointed in place of Melvin A. Walter)		
Albe S. Noyes	" "	1928
Charles H. Gilmore	" "	1928
Albert A. Hersey	" "	1928
H. Louise Worthen	" "	1929
Edward E. Prior	" "	1929
George C. Glover	" "	1929

Board of Survey

William N. Folsom, Chairman	Term expires	1928
William E. Waterhouse	" "	1927
Bertram E. Lovejoy	" "	1929

Trustees Memorial Building

Thomas J. Edwards, Chairman	Term expires	1929
Frederic L. Putnam	" "	1928
Louis K. McNally	" "	1928
Leon H. Palmer	" "	1930
Leslie B. Ellis	" "	1930

Board of Appeal

H. Ray Wilson, Chairman	Term expires	1929
Thomas McKie	" "	1927
Royal B. Wills	" "	1927
Victor H. Muttly	" "	1931
William B. Wadland	" "	1931
George W. Rogers, Clerk		

List of Ex-Mayors

	Terms of Office
*Levi S. Gould	1900
John Larrabee	1901-1902
*Sidney H. Buttrick	1903-1904-1905
*Charles J. Barton	1906
*Eugene H. Moore	1907-8-9-10-11
*Charles E. French	1912
*Oliver B. Munroe	1913-1914
Charles H. Adams	1915-16-17-18-19-20
Angier L. Goodwin	1921-1922
Paul H. Provandie	1923-1924

*Deceased.

List of Ex-Presidents Board of Aldermen

	Terms of Office
George R. Jones	1900
*John G. Robinson	1901-1902
*Aaron Hill Jr.	1903-4-5-6
Charles C. Swett	1907-8-9
*Charles E. French	1910-11
*J. Sydney Hitchins	1912-13
Frederick T. Peabody	1914-15
Edward F. Cassell	1916-17
William A. Carrie	1918
Albert M. Tibbetts	1919
Angier L. Goodwin	1920
Leslie F. Keene	1921
H. Ray Wilson	1922-23
Walter A. T. Norris	1924
George H. Jackman	1925
John Dike	1926

*Deceased.

Report of Advisory Committee Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Building

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

The Board of Trustees of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, comprising Thomas J. Edwards, Frederic L. Putnam, Leslie B. Ellis, Leon H. Palmer and Louis K. McNally, who were appointed under the provisions of the city charter, as amended by chapter 78 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1926, held a meeting Saturday, May 22, 1926, for the purpose of organization and election of officers. The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Thomas J. Edwards
Vice-Chairman: Frederic L. Putnam
Secretary: Louis K. McNally

Since its organization the board has held several meetings and has attended to the various details connected with its duties of having charge and control of the repairs, maintenance and management of the Soldiers and Sailors Building.

Many miscellaneous repairs and improvements to the building incidental to the erection of the addition have been completed and certain other needed repairs will be made during the spring months.

A new schedule of rates for the letting of the halls and other facilities of the Memorial Building has been established by an amendment to the city ordinances, as recommended by this board for the purpose of putting the building on a self-supporting basis, so far as possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Memorial Building Other Expenses

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Transferred to Salaries and Wages		
Order Board of Aldermen No. 17436.....	350.00	
	—————	\$2,650.00
Expended:—		
Invoices	2,615.51	
Transferred to Repairs after Construction		
—Order Board of Aldermen No. 17684	34.49	
	—————	2,650.00
		—————
		00.00

CITY OF MELROSE

Salaries and Wages

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Transferred from Other Expenses	350.00	
		\$3,350.00

Expended:—

Pay Rolls	2,842.21	
Transferred to Repairs after Construction		
—Order Board of Aldermen No. 17684.....	507.79	
		3,350.00
		00.00

Repairs After Construction

Appropriation	\$11,900.00	
Transferred from Other Expenses	\$ 34.49	
Transferred from Salaries and Wages	507.79	542.28
		\$12,442.28
Expended—Invoices		12,115.41
Balance	\$	326.87

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EDWARDS,
Chairman.

LOUIS K. McNALLY,
Secretary.

January 17, 1927.

Report of Board of Appeal

Honorable Albert M. Tibbetts, Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances, I herewith submit the Third Annual Report for the Board of Appeal of the city of Melrose, Mass.

On January 8th, 1926 at the first meeting of the Board of Appeal, Mr. Royal B. Wills, was elected as the Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Board of Appeal during the year 1926 held twenty meetings, of which seventeen were hearings on cases of Appeal from the Decision of the Inspector of Buildings. There were twenty-one cases of appeals which were referred to the Board for action, and which were disposed of as follows:—

Decision of Inspector of Buildings Affirmed in.....	6 cases
Decision of Inspector of Buildings Reversed in.....	12 cases
Cases in which no decision has been arrived at.....	2 cases
Cases withdrawn from the Board by Petitioners.....	1 case

Total number of cases before Board..... 21 cases

The Board of Appeal does not as yet feel that they should recommend any changes in the Zoning Law or the Zoning Map; as since its adoption, it appears to be operating to the best interest of the city and the citizens, and has in very few instances been of any inconvenience to any citizen of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Appeal,
VICTOR H. MUTTY,
Chairman.

Report of Board of Assessors

To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1926.

TAXABLE VALUATION OF THE CITY

Real Estate	\$27,785,100.00
Personal Estate	3,484,900.00
Total Taxable Valuation	\$31,270,000.00
Rate of Taxation \$32.10 on \$1000.00	
Amount raised on Property and Polls:	
Real Estate	\$891,901.72
Personal Estate	111,865.28
5994 Polls at \$2.00 each	11,988.00
	\$1,015,755.00

BUDGET

City Tax	\$925,465.94
State Tax	47,040.00
County Tax	39,379.87
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	26,278.73
Metropolitan Park Tax	19,505.23
State Highway Tax	436.05
Charles River Basin Tax	2,603.30
Charles River Bridge Tax	3,235.32
Boston & Watertown Bridge Tax	231.68
Western Avenue Bridge Tax	372.58
Fire Prevention Tax	255.04
Metropolitan Planning Tax	408.10
Overlay	14,812.61
	\$1,080,024.45
Less Income Tax	64,269.45

	\$1,015,755.00	\$1,015,755.00
Number of residents assessed	3847	
Number of non-residents assessed	682	
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only	4102	
Number of horses assessed	54	
Number of cows assessed	180	
Number of dwellings assessed	4449	

ADDENDUM

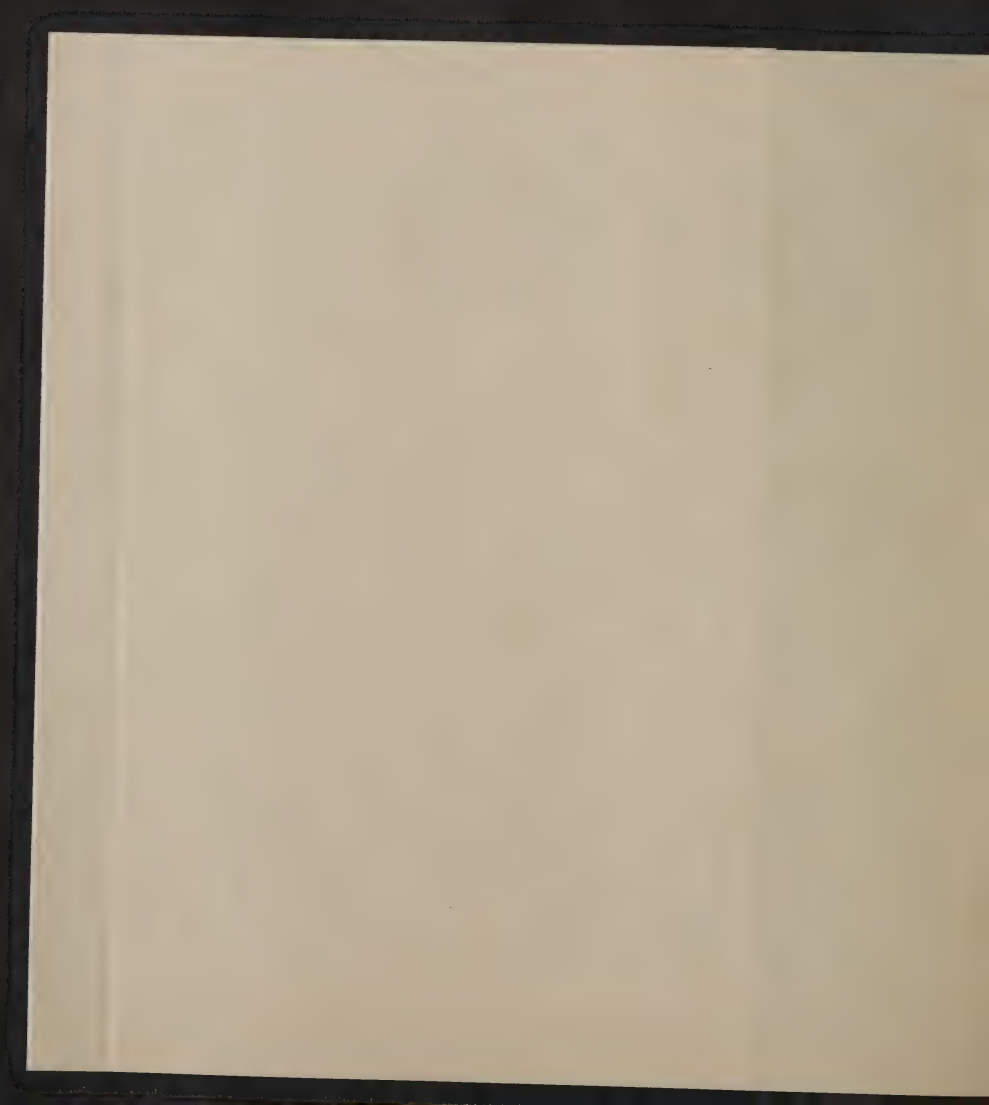
Year	Census	Dwell-ings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valua- tion	Rate per \$1,000	City Appro- priation	Sewer- age Tax	Park Tax	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1900	12,715	3,237	3,650	\$7,582,525	\$4,398,150	\$11,980,675	\$ 797,690	\$12,778,365	18.00	\$199,837.41	\$9,341.01	.....	\$6,645.00	\$11,857.11	\$9,540.04	\$237,310.67	1900
1901	12,781	3,248	3,711	7,610,850	5,993,025	13,603,875	1,286,890	14,890,765	16.20	206,635.82	9,727.23	.....	7,473.50	13,388.55	*11,463.29	248,652.39	1901
1902	13,369	3,280	3,931	7,781,400	5,927,575	13,708,975	1,656,505	15,365,480	17.20	237,107.27	10,561.31	\$1,977.83	6,375.00	13,365.88	2,861.15	272,148.26	1902
1903	13,641	3,312	4,052	7,865,250	5,915,375	13,780,625	1,397,005	15,177,630	18.00	237,087.74	10,808.84	5,169.59	10,625.00	13,917.89	3,692.28	281,301.34	1903
1904	14,021	3,319	4,137	7,945,700	5,867,625	13,813,325	1,424,530	15,237,855	17.40	225,003.32	11,744.15	5,696.87	11,625.00	15,716.05	3,627.28	273,412.67	1904
1905	14,559	3,334	4,235	8,020,150	5,845,800	13,865,950	1,463,745	15,329,695	18.00	227,044.58	12,077.04	5,922.31	18,600.00	15,272.57	5,488.01	284,404.51	1905
1906	14,572	3,363	4,235	8,131,450	5,787,100	13,918,550	1,559,330	15,477,880	17.80	229,066.55	12,222.49	6,183.01	16,188.40	16,188.40	4,100.81	283,976.26	1906
1907	14,860	3,382	4,318	8,288,850	5,781,500	14,070,350	1,664,060	15,734,410	17.00	219,753.24	9,264.95	7,183.32	18,000.00	15,880.08	6,038.36	276,120.97	1907
1908	15,122	3,393	4,344	8,450,675	5,788,475	14,239,150	1,733,810	15,972,960	18.50	234,100.42	14,397.93	7,868.56	*19.75 24,750.00	15,606.50	7,444.60	304,187.76	1908
1909	15,246	3,416	4,438	8,627,425	5,775,725	14,403,150	1,746,675	16,149,825	19.30	250,100.51	13,567.95	8,158.34	20,250.00	17,250.17	11,220.90	320,567.62	1909
1910	15,735	3,447	4,490	8,865,325	5,771,450	14,636,775	1,827,090	16,463,865	19.40	255,567.13	14,834.95	8,494.76	*19.75 23,760.00	16,478.32	9,224.31	328,378.98	1910
1911	16,118	3,503	4,515	9,164,225	5,757,450	14,921,675	1,975,950	16,897,625	20.40	276,517.13	15,496.52	11,634.39	23,760.00	15,170.07	7,067.28	353,741.55	1911
1912	16,241	3,564	4,596	9,452,650	5,757,150	15,209,800	2,213,000	17,422,800	20.40	283,731.71	15,804.48	*4,076.16 9,412.75	*20.00 27,000.00	14,860.33	12,466.03	364,517.12	1912
1913	16,612	3,611	4,620	9,791,425	5,791,425	15,582,850	2,420,900	18,003,750	20.40	289,544.80	17,103.24	*1,323.37 10,262.39	*18.75 32,640.00	16,466.40	7,316.90	376,511.91	1913
1914	17,037	3,674	4,685	10,144,550	5,816,700	15,961,250	2,606,080	18,567,330	21.70	316,917.47	17,437.18	*1,655.79 10,558.39	*20.00 35,700.00	19,577.92	10,154.95	412,281.06	1914
1915	17,096	3,748	4,850	10,494,300	5,823,300	16,317,600	2,623,780	18,941,380	23.70	359,106.29	17,201.57	1,731.04 10,796.50	67.65 39,780.00	20,682.55	9,236.85	458,610.70	1915
1916	17,317	3,864	4,449	10,957,650	5,819,700	16,849,350	2,795,800	19,645,150	22.00	350,771.03	16,153.54	1,621.29 8,183.80	52.40 32,000.00	20,650.93	12,008.66	442,091.30	1916
1917	17,275	3,958	5,061	11,326,050	5,916,700	17,242,750	1,530,000	18,772,750	23.40	379,561.18	17,657.22	*1,834.04 10,464.99	*200.00 43,450.00	19,871.65	14,833.40	449,404.35	1917
1918	17,353	3,964	5,043	11,519,250	5,912,150	17,431,400	1,644,975	19,076,375	23.40	413,680.07	18,851.06	1,974.84 10,597.62	200.54 43,450.00	21,532.85	11,719.08	438,835.14	1918
1919	18,114	3,973	5,169	12,203,650	6,048,425	18,252,075	1,951,500	20,203,575	26.20	488,671.38	18,714.38	2,007.80 12,182.89	208.65 45,474.00	22,040.33	8,045.26	522,252.43	1919
1920	18,371	3,981	4,585	12,799,450	6,079,350	18,878,800	2,206,600	21,085,400	29.50	569,876.17	19,111.76	2,131.59 12,381.78	284.00 57,174.00	22,864.41	9,098.07	597,830.22	1920
1921	18,670	4,010	4,661	13,453,550	6,417,750	19,871,300	2,606,050	22,477,350	30.80	623,903.04	23,447.16	*2,177.13 13,576.76	*461.53 57,174.00	13,755.05	10,697.21	708,821.41	1921
1922	18,964	4,048	5,424	14,017,500	6,469,050	20,486,550	2,617,950	23,104,500	32.60	684,835.78	21,359.60	*2,254.37 14,037.11	*754.34 46,560.00	31,197.18	13,933.00	777,502.38	1922
1923	19,368	4,106	5,492	16,198,650	6,570,350	22,769,000	2,710,800	25,479,800	30.80	715,248.68	23,547.37	2,213.39 15,293.01	557.06 46,560.00	29,576.48	19,182.61	811,660.64	1923
1924	20,197	4,208	5,658	17,404,450	6,823,800	24,228,250	2,978,700	27,206,950	30.60	772,887.24	22,848.59	2,441.56 15,503.70	471.68 38,800.00	28,652.62	20,795.85	871,660.64	1924
1925	20,302	4,311	5,815	18,699,000	6,875,500	25,574,500	3,183,200	28,757,700	32.20	850,764.17	25,330.96	1,935.89 2,388.03	237.98 568.00	30,876.18	16,476.00	959,422.80	1925
1925	20,865	4,449	5,994	20,467,600	7,317,500	27,785,100	3,484,900	31,270,000	32.10	925,465.94	26,278.73	17,142.06 2,603.30	47,040.00 436.05	35,829.68	17,848.88	998,581.50	1925
												843.09 3,235.32	*629.87 408.10	254.72	223.34	*60,953.60	
												302.58					

*Charles River Basin

†State Highway

Miscellaneous

*Less Income Tax



VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Houses of Religious Worship	\$770,500.00	
Literary Institutions	82,600.00	
Benevolent Institutions	266,500.00	
Charitable Institutions	11,300.00	
Cemeteries	17,000.00	
		\$1,147,900.00

Yours respectfully,

JOSHUA T. NOWELL,
FREDERICK W. PATTEN,
JOHN C. CROLLY,

Board of Assessors.

Report of Board of Health

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Melrose:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Health respectfully submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1926. The membership of the Board was as follows,—Clarence P. Holden, M. D., Chairman; Melvin S. McLeod, M.D., and Rev. Lester L. Lewis, who resigned in June, and Mr. Melvin A. Walter was appointed to take his place.

General Health—The general health of the city has been unusually good, with 231 deaths as against 275 of the previous year. The records show an exceptionally good year as regards contagious disease; of diphtheria, probably the smallest number of cases reported since our records began, viz.—only six cases and two deaths, one of these a neglected child and the other a case of laryngeal diphtheria with pneumonia; This low rate is undoubtedly due to the Schick treatment. In fact preventative medicine has demonstrated that diphtheria can be utterly abolished

There is an increase in the number of cases of typhoid fever but this has no local significance as probably all of these cases were infected elsewhere.

The nursing service in the public schools has been increased, Elsie M. Abrams, a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School, beginning service at the start of the school year in September.

The State Department of Public Health is conducting a State-wide campaign against tuberculosis, by holding clinics for the examination of children more than 10% underweight. This clinic was completed in Melrose in January and will be followed by general nutrition work in the schools.

Dairy Inspection.—Nearby dairies were inspected and rated as follows:—15 good, 1 fair. 117 licenses to sell milk and oleo were issued, 12 licenses to sell alcohol for commercial purposes, 2 licenses to collect grease and bones, and 6 undertaker's licenses.

Bakeries.—Inspection of bakeries was made as required by law. There were 11 registered. In two instances, after hearings, orders were issued for changes to comply with the regulations and the changes were duly made as ordered.

Nuisances.—Number of complaints investigated 46,—number found with no cause for complaint 9, abated 37.

Undertakers.—The following named undertakers have been licensed: Henry W. Clark, Albert J. Walton, Fred T. Churchill, John W. Gately, Harry F. Ferguson and Frank T. Whitney.

Boarding Houses for Infants.—The Board has approved the applications of the following named persons to maintain boarding houses for infants: Mrs. Nellie Crosby, Mrs. Lena D'Entremont, Mrs. Jane Dieter, Mrs. Jane Doucette, Mrs. Nettie S. Gile, Mrs. Nellie Gillespie, Mrs. Helen C. Loesser, Mrs. Ruby McLeod, Mrs. Annie Mullay, Mrs. Mary E. Silver, Mrs. Emma B. Skillings, Mrs. Frederika Van Galen, and Mrs. Mary Walden.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HOLDEN,
M. S. McLEOD, M. D.,
MELVIN A. WALTER,
Board of Health.

Table I
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1925	Totals 1925	1926	Totals 1926
Total Appropriation		\$11,364.00		\$10,990.00
EXPENDITURES				
General Administration		2,507.65		2,434.69
Salary of Board	\$870.00		\$866.64	
Salary of Clerk	1,386.11		1,437.83	
Telephone	84.91		94.92	
Stationary and Postage	25.15		22.60	
Transportation and use of car	93.08			
Sundries	48.40		12.70	
Other Expenses		1,650.23		1,895.95
Plumbing Inspection	1,100.00		1,350.00	
Sanitary Inspection	250.00			
Burial Dead Animals	109.50		120.75	
Dumps and Dump Signs	3.75		9.75	
Medicine	1.35		2.35	
Office Supplies	81.02		303.53	
Transportation and use of car	96.10			
Ads and Reports	25.00		20.00	
Inspection of Food	32.50		32.50	
Sundries	50.18		57.07	
Quarantine and Contagious Disease Hosp.		3,106.26		2,218.95
Maintenance patients in hosp.	2,303.50		1,674.60	
Transportation and use of car	90.00		272.00	
Outside Aid	78.40			
Antirabic & Schick Work ..	24.56		54.86	
Sundries	18.80		217.49	
Inspection		1,889.00		1,875.00
Inspection School Children ..	375.00		375.00	
Inspection of Milk	100.00		100.00	
Insp. Animals & Slaughtering ..	200.00		200.00	
Inspection Food Products	114.00		100.00	
Public Health Nurse	700.00		700.00	
Milk Analyses	400.00		400.00	
Tuberculosis		1,407.04		551.87
Outside Aid	536.65		312.00	
*Board & Supplies in Hosp. ..	779.59		147.78	
Sputum Cups & Medicine	.80			
Transportation & Use of Car ..	90.00		92.09	
Total Expenditures		\$10,560.58		\$8,976.46
Revenues of Board of Health..		1,593.43		
Licenses	88.50		80.50	
Reimbursements	1,504.93		367.43	

*Paid by Board of Assessors by County Warrant for tuberculosis cases at Rutland State Sanitorium \$1,217.36

Table II

CASES AND DEATHS OF DISEASES DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, BY MONTHS

This table includes all cases (with their deaths) irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere, or were contracted outside of the city; also all deaths of Melrose cases dying in hospitals out of town.

Month	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough		Smallpox		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Poliomyelitis		Pulmonary and Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms		Totals	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths		
January	1	...	9	...	1	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	25	1	
February	1	1	4	...	...	1	25	1	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	49	3	
March	1	...	4	...	1	...	20	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	0	
April	...	...	6	1	...	...	22	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	38	4	
May	...	...	3	1	...	...	17	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	25	2	
June	...	...	3	...	...	...	28	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	1	
July	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	0	
August	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	
September	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	4	2	
October	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	6	1	
November	1	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	
December	1	...	13	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	18	3	
Totals	6	2	50	2	6	1	118	1	63	1	0	0	1	0	5	3	12	6	0	2	4	0	265	18

Table III
CASES AND DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

This table includes all cases (with their deaths) irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere, or were contracted outside of the city; also all deaths of Melrose cases dying in hospitals out of town.

Years	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough		Smallpox		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Poliomyelitis		Tuberculosis					
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Pulmonary and Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms	
																	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1917	85	4	42	1	3	3	290	2	9	10	2	1	9	16	1	1	18	10	1	1	1	1
1918	24	2	20	3	3	1	90	1	65	65	2	1	8	16	1	1	23	10	1	1	1	1
1919	13	3	48	3	3	3	11	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	9	1	1	1	1
1920	32	2	42	4	4	4	367	1	34	1	1	4	1	1	3	4	12	9	2	2	4	3
1921	69	3	43	1	6	1	29	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	3	13	19	13	3	3	3	3
1922	17	1	81	3	5	1	167	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	19	8	3	3	6	8
1923	14	2	90	1	3	1	156	1	67	2	2	1	1	1	1	6	24	6	3	3	3	3
1924	27	2	150	2	2	2	18	1	7	7	2	1	1	1	2	3	13	3	1	2	5	5
1925	25	3	57	2	5	5	375	1	49	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	23	12	1	1	5	5
1926	6	2	50	2	6	1	118	1	63	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	12	6	2	2	4	4

TABLE V

Class No.	YEAR 1926	Cause of Death	AGES													
			Total under 1 yr.	Under 1 day	1-2 days	2-3 days	3 days to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3 weeks to 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	5-12 months	
22		Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.....	M	1												
			F													
24		Meningococcus Meningitis.....	M	1												
			F													
71		Meningitis	M	1												
			F													
74		Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	M	1				1								
			F													
101		Pneumonia	M	1					1							
			F													
113		Diarrhoea and Enteritis.....	M	1												
			F										1			
160		Congenital Debility, Icterus and Sclerema.....	M	2	2											
			F	8	3	1	1									
161		Premature Birth, Injury at Birth	M	1	1											
			F	2	2											

TABLE VI CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

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Table VII
INFANT MORTALITY

Year	Births	Deaths of Children under 1 year	Rate of Mortality of children under 1 year per 1,000 of children born
1920	390	22	56.41
1921	465	21	52.76
1922	364	16	43.96
1923	516	25	48.64
1924	411	19	46.22
1925	487	24	49.28
1926	471	19	42.46

There were 16 stillbirths during the year 1926.

Deaths in Melrose, 1926.....Males, 91
Females, 140

Total, 231

Of these deaths, children under 1 year 19

" " " persons over 60 years 122

Classified as to cause:—

	Males	Females
I General Diseases	7	10
II General Diseases not included in Class I	12	23
III Diseases of the Nervous System and of the organs of special sense	9	12
IV Diseases of the Circulatory System	29	45
V Diseases of the Respiratory System	6	11
VI Diseases of the Digestive System, ...	6	11
VII Nonvenereal Diseases of the Genito-Urin- ary System and Annexa	7	10
VIII The Puerperal State	0	2
XI Malformations	1	0
XII Early Infancy	3	10
XIII Old Age	0	2
XIV External Causes	11	4

Table VIII

ESTIMATED POPULATION APRIL 1, 1926, 20,865

1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926

Apparent death rate

per 1,000 popula-

tion 11.67 12.07 12.13 11.50 13.54 11.07

*Corrected death rate

per 1000 popula-

tion 12.43 11.71 11.72 10.90 13.34 11.07

*Eliminate deaths of non-residents and add deaths of Melrose
residents dying elsewhere.

Report of Inspector of Animals

January 20, 1927

To the Board of Health,
City Hall,
Melrose, Massachusetts,
Gentlemen:—

I wish at this time to submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year of 1926.

Early in the year word was received to make a tour of inspection of all cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits, and also of the premises where the same were kept. These instructions were carried out and a report rendered as directed. All cases of suspicious contagious disease were quarantined and destroyed and thereafter the premises were properly disinfected before replacements were made. Approximately 225 head of cattle were examined. All live stock appeared to be in good condition and the premises well kept. Any suggestions made for betterment of conditions were kindly received and carried out satisfactorily.

Rabies made its appearance on several occasions, necessitating constant watchfulness on the part of dog owners and prompt report of suspicious cases.

Respectfully,

Signed, CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M.D.V.
Inspector of Animals, 1926.

Report of Inspector of Milk

Board of Health,
City of Melrose,
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

Below is the report of the milk inspector for the year just ended:

As has been the custom for several years samples have been taken from the wagons of those dealers selling milk in the city. These samples have been subjected to bacteriological tests to determine the sanitary quality of product sold and chemical tests to show conformance to the state requirements for percentage of fats and total solids.

The results have been summarized in the following tables which need no comment.

During the year some of the old dealers have retired from the business and new ones have entered the field. In the majority of instances the figures are based on twelve monthly samples.

Respectfully,

Signed, H. E. BERGER, Jr.
Milk Inspector.

MEDIAN COUNT AND AVERAGE CHEMICAL RESULTS

DEALER	*Medium bacterial Count	Avg. % Fats	Avg. % Solids
Antunes, G. E.	33,500	3.75	12.75
Bloss, W. C.	34,000	3.73	12.63
Bucci, Alex.	26,500	3.82	12.54
Cummings, F. H.	22,500	3.75	12.56
Forbes & Son	28,000	4.15	13.86
Forbes Dairy Co.	43,000	3.72	12.44
Guazzalocca, J.	12,500	4.16	13.13
Howard Farm	20,500	4.68	13.53
Hood, H. P. & Sons			
Family	20,500	3.82	12.59
Grade A	5,500	4.35	13.44
Kiley, R. J.	22,000	3.56	12.43
Lord, C. G.	20,500	3.94	12.84
Lane, Frank	11,500	3.90	13.41
Munn, T. J.	36,500	3.77	12.68
Manning, J. S.	7,500	4.08	13.10
Noble, ...	29,000	4.35	13.66
Penney, H. J.	38,500	3.55	12.22
Quinn, M. J.	14,500	3.80	12.74
Taylor & Crowe	26,000	4.02	13.10
Sartori, Carlo	29,000	4.11	12.06
Spratt, Mrs. A.	24,500	5.10	13.99
Spear, C. W.	24,500	3.70	12.85
Turner Centre System	16,500	3.90	12.85
Walker, J. V.	41,000	3.90	12.88
Whiting Milk Co.			
Family	23,000	3.70	12.97
Grade A	11,500	4.05	13.00
State Law Requires		3.35	12.00

*Median count is the middle figure taken after all the counts have been arranged in the ascending order of magnitude.

PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS

	Excellent under 10,000	Good 10,000- 20,000	Fair 20,000- 50,000	Poor 50,000- 100,000	Bad 100,000- 300,000	Very Bad 300,000 and over
Antunes, G. E.			83.3	8.3	8.3	
Bloss, W. C.		8.3	83.3	8.3		
Bucci, A.	16.3	8.3	58.3	16.6		
Cummings, F.			100.00			
Forbes & Son		33.3	66.66			
Forbes Dairy Co.	5.0		75.00	20.00		
Guazzalocca, J.	41.6	33.3	25.			
Howard Farm	33.3	8.3	58.3			
Hood, H. P. & Son						
Family	8.3	33.3	58.3			
Grade A	83.3	8.3	8.3			
Kiley, R. J.	8.3	33.3	58.3			
Lord, C. G.	16.6	33.3	41.6	8.3		
Lane, Frank	41.6	58.3				
Munn, T. J.		7.1	57.2	37.2		
Manning, J. S.	58.3	8.3	25.	8.3		
Noble, ...			100.			
Penney, H. J.		8.3	58.3	16.6	16.6	
Quinn, M. J.	25.	50.	16.	8.3		
Taylor & Crowe		30.8	53.8	7.6	7.6	
Sartori, C.	8.3	16.6	58.3	16.6		
Spratt, Mrs. A.	8.3	25.	58.3	8.3		
Spear, C. W.		41.6	33.3	16.6	8.3	
Turner Centre	25.	33.3	33.3	8.3		
Walker, J. V.			53.8	46.2		
Whiting Milk Co.						
Family	16.6	16.6	58.3	8.3		
Grade A.	41.6	41.6	8.3	8.3		

Report of City Physician

Visits made for the Department of Public Welfare:—

To patients in their homes	119
Office calls	61

Visits made for the Health Department:—

To patients in their homes	29
Visits of Inspection and Consultation	161

Visits for the Police Department	15
Examinations, order of the Mayor	21
Vaccinations	53

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HOLDEN, M. D.,

City Physician.

Report of Inspector of Plumbing

Permits granted for plumbing in new buildings.....	195
Permits granted for plumbing in old buildings	156
Total	351
Total number of permits approved	348
Number of water tests	237
Total number of visits of inspection	748
Sinks installed	321
Wash trays installed	261
Water closets installed	373
Bath tubs installed	294
Wash bowls installed	323
Pressure boilers installed	163
Traps replaced	8
Slop sinks installed	2
Urinals installed	11
Drinking Fountains installed	7
Shower baths installed	6
Resetting and replacing fixtures	80
Refrigerator wastes connected	6
New buildings connected to sewer	155
New Buildings connected to cesspools	45
Old buildings connected to sewer	18
Old buildings connected to cesspools	5

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. YOUNG,
Plumbing Inspector.

Report of Public Health Nursing Service

SUMMER HEALTH AND PLAY SCHOOL

As in previous years the Summer Health and Play School was maintained for six weeks, beginning July 5th and ending August 13th. The total enrollment was 55 with an average attendance of 44. The largest individual gain was 5 pounds, with an average gain of $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. This school is maintained by popular subscription, amounting in 1926 to \$524.00 with a total expenditure of \$650.71, necessitating drawing upon the balance of \$154.38 from the previous year.

Respectfully,

MYRTLE S. MERIAM, R. N.
Public Health Nurse.

Report of Board of Survey

To the Honorable Mayor and the Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:—

The Board of Survey herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

The Board has held five meetings of record during the year.

Plans of land of P. H. and S. S. Crossman on East Highland Avenue and Hesseltine Avenue extension were approved.

Right of Way from Youle Street, submitted by Mr. Charles Flett, was approved.

Plans of Norman Road, with adjoining land south of Porter Street and east of School Street, owned by Beatrice M. Douglas, was approved after going through the necessary form of advertising and holding a hearing.

Plans of Boston Rock Road, a proposed way from Mt. Vernon Avenue easterly, owned by John and Baptiste Bucci, were approved.

Plans for extension of Sheffield Road to Ardsmoor Road through land owned by Harding A. Ripley were approved.

Plans of Fells Acres, bounded by Ravine Road, Garland and Glen Streets, including the proposed Longfellow and Felicia Avenues, owned by Philip Klang, were approved.

Plans of Thurston Road, a proposed way from Hesseltine Avenue to Damon Avenue, owned by Albert O. Plantinga, were approved.

Financial Statement

Appropriation	\$50.00
Expended—advertising	4.00
Balance	\$46.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. N. FOLSOM,
Chairman.

WM. E. WATERHOUSE,
BERTRAM E. LOVEJOY,

FRANK EMERSON
Clerk.

Report of Cemetery Committee

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22, Section 5, Revised Ordinances of 1922, City of Melrose, the Cemetery Committee herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Appropriations

Maintenance, Improvements, and Care of

Soldiers' Graves	\$15,449.97	
New Development Account	3,500.00	
		\$18,949.97

Expenditures

Salary of Superintendent	\$2,400.00	
Salary of Committee	75.00	
Labor (Pay Rolls)	10,278.56	
Team hire	1,074.04	
Shrubs, Seeds, Dressing, etc.	175.50	
Office expenses	423.17	
Cemetery Supplies	894.40	
Insurance	105.64	
Services, Public Works Dept.	19.48	
Development of New Lots	3,499.91	
		\$18,945.70
Unexpended balance	4.27	
		\$18,949.97

Receipts

Sale, Rights of Burial, lots	\$3,553.00	
Sale, Rights of Burial, graves	798.00	
Perpetual Care	5,594.00	
Annual Care	1,734.50	
Interments	2,021.00	
Slate and Cement Vaults	65.00	
Lowering device	44.00	
Green graves	57.00	
Foundations	702.85	
Rentals	340.00	
Miscellaneous	60.50	
Interest, Perpetual Trust Fund	3,853.03	
		\$18,827.88
Less Lot purchased by Department	100.00	
		\$18,727.88

A year of development and improvements is the report of the Cemetery Committee for the year of 1926.

During 1926 the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery, Mr. Roscoe A. Leavitt, and the faithful employees of this department have supervised and carried out a development plan laid down by the Cemetery Committee whereby 86 new lots, 226 single graves, 765 lineal feet of rock ballast road, 16 feet wide and an addition of 500 feet of water system with 6 outlets have been completely finished.

This new development was made possible by the special appropriation of \$3,500.00 made by the Honorable Board of Aldermen in the 1926 Budget.

Besides the new development the Superintendent and the employees have been able to keep up the care and maintenance of the cemetery in a most efficient manner and the Cemetery Committee feel that the many favorable comments received as to the appearance of Wyoming Cemetery, express the general opinion of all who have visited it during the past year.

During 1926 the Cemetery Committee authorized and have had published an up to date set of "Rules and Regulations" for Wyoming Cemetery. A copy of these Rules and Regulations may be had by anyone interested, upon application to the Superintendent or members of the Committee.

The increasing number of interments in the Receiving Vault during the winter months has made it necessary for the Cemetery Committee to ask the Honorable Board of Aldermen to appropriate a sufficient sum, to be included in the 1927 Budget, for the enlargement of the present Vault. Plans for this enlargement have been made and presented with the request for appropriation.

A further development of lots should be made during 1927 and will be if the amount asked for by this department is included in the 1927 Budget.

The Cemetery Committee desire to take this opportunity to express their appreciation of the faithful and conscientious work of Mr. Leavitt, the Superintendent, and all the other employees of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD W. ANDERSON, Chairman
ALBERT G. ARMINGTON.
CARL F. SHAW,

Cemetery Committee, City of Melrose, Mass.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WYOMING CEMETERY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926

Total number interments to Jan. 1, 1927	8,943
Interments during 1926	199
Removals from cemetery	0
xTotal number interments to Jan. 1, 1927	8,943
Rights of Burial, lots, sold, to Jan. 1, 1926	1,751
Rights of Burial, lots, sold, during 1926	31
Rights of Burial, lots, deeded back	1
Total Rights of Burial, lots, sold, to Jan. 1, 1927	1,781
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, to Jan. 1, 1926	1,864
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, during 1926	65
Rights of Burial, Single Graves, taken back, during 1926	4
Total Rights of Burial, Single Graves, sold, to Jan. 1, 1927....	1,925
Total number of lots under Perpetual Care	900
Total number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	558
Total number of lots available for sale Jan. 1, 1926	50
Total number of lots completed ready for sale during 1926....	86
Total number of Single Graves completed, during 1926	226
Total number of lots available for sale, Jan. 1, 1927	105
Area, square feet, lots completed during 1926	12,624
Area, square feet, Section F, uncompleted.....	2700
Addition to water system, 6 outlets, lineal feet	500
New avenues built, rock ballast, 16 feet wide, lineal feet.....	765

Respectfully submitted

R. A. LEAVITT,
Superintendent.

Report of City Auditor

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year 1926. Being a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Melrose, beginning on the first day of January 1926 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 1926, with a statement of the funded debt, a statement of the assets and liabilities, a detailed statement of each department together with a schedule of City Property.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 322, Acts of 1924, I have examined the several trust funds under the control of the Public Library and find proper vouchers for and bank books showing balances as stated by them in their report.

WILLIAM T. WOLLEY,
City Auditor.

FINANCES

The assessed valuation of the City, April 1, 1926 was:

Real Estate	\$27,785,100.00
Personal Estate	3,484,900.00

\$31,270,000.00

Increase in valuation from April 1, 1925 to April 1, 1926	\$2,512,300.00
Number of dwellings April 1, 1926	4,449
Number of polls assessed April 1, 1926	5,994
Population	20,865
Rate of taxation for \$1,000 April 1, 1926	\$.32.10

Appropriation:

State Tax	\$47,040.00
County Tax	39,379.87
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	26,278.73
Metropolitan Park Tax	19,505.23
State Highway Tax	436.05
Charles River Basin Tax	2,603.30
Charles River Bridge Tax	3,235.32
Boston and Watertown Bridge Tax	231.68
Western Avenue Bridge Tax	372.58
Fire Prevention Tax	255.04
Metropolitan Planning Tax	408.10
City Budget	925,465.94
Overlay	14,812.61

\$1,080,024.45

Less Income Tax	64,269.45
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\$1,015,755.00

BONDED DEBT

Bonded Debt Dec. 31, 1925		\$1,051,500.00
Increase in School Bonds 1926	\$180,000.00	
Increase in Sewer Bonds 1926 ..	15,000.00	
Increase in Surface Drainage Bonds 1926	15,000.00	
Increase in Water Bonds 1926 ..	30,000.00	
Increase in City Stable Bonds 1926	30,000.00	270,000.00
		\$1,321,500.00
Decrease in Auditorium Bonds 1926	\$5,000.00	
Decrease in School Bonds 1926 ..	19,000.00	
Decrease in Sewer Bonds 1926 ..	66,500.00	
Decrease in Surface Drainage Bonds 1926	12,500.00	
Decrease in Water Bonds 1926 ..	24,000.00	
Decrease in City Hall Bonds 1926	3,000.00	130,000.00
Total Bonded Debt Dec. 31, 1926		\$1,191,500.00
Increase \$140,000.00		

MUNICIPAL DEBT NOTES

Total outstanding Dec. 31, 1925	\$122,800.00	
Increase—Notes issued 1926	53,000.00	
	\$175,800.00	
Decrease—Notes paid 1926	32,800.00	
Total outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		\$143,000.00
Increase \$20,200.00		
Municipal Notes due 1927	\$38,500.00	
1928	31,000.00	
1929	29,500.00	
1930	22,000.00	
1931	9,000.00	
1932	4,000.00	
1933	3,000.00	
1934	3,000.00	
1935	3,000.00	\$143,000.00

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BONDED DEBT DEC. 31, 1926

Auditorium Memorial Building		
Bonds	\$ 47,000.00	
School Building Bonds	545,000.00	
Sewer Bonds	230,000.00	
Surface Drainage Bonds	176,500.00	
Water Bonds	113,000.00	
City Hall Addition Bonds	50,000.00	
City Stable Bonds	30,000.00	\$1,191,500.00
Less Sinking Funds:		
School House Loan	\$ 61,601.19	
Sewer Loan	105,821.32	
Surface Drainage Loan	80,217.36	\$247,640.37
Net Bonded Debt		\$943,859.63

RECAPITULATION OF CITY DEBT

Municipal Notes	143,000.00
Net Bonded Debt	943,859.63
Total Net Debt Dec. 31, 1926	\$1,086,859.63
Total Net Debt Dec. 31, 1925	896,886.98
Increase 1926	\$189,972.65
Decrease in Sinking Funds	\$29,772.65
Increase in Notes	20,200.00
Increase in Bonds	140,000.00
Total Increase	\$189,972.65

CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1926

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1925	\$256,704.32
Receipts:	
January	\$ 50,823.34
February	264,034.13
March	60,275.53
April	229,340.83
May	111,269.83
June	267,971.88
July	105,348.16
August	250,800.41

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September	103,691.55	
October	393,683.55	
November	423,682.23	
December	97,077.58	\$2,357,999.02
		\$2,614,703.34

Payments:

January	\$181,818.37	
February	199,211.29	
March	94,769.84	
April	90,853.91	
May	223,719.64	
June	258,202.14	
July	200,826.79	
August	145,119.25	
September	176,568.84	
October	222,997.54	
November	465,999.41	
December	264,262.03	\$2,524,349.05

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1926	\$90,354.29
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Receipts:

Transfers from sundry accounts	\$50,987.20
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Charges:

Budget appropriation	\$50,449.97	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	537.23	
	\$50,987.20	\$50,987.20

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$15,361.72
Transferred from sundry accounts	13,425.58

Charges:

Budget appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Sundry transfer orders	3,514.38	
Balance to 1926	15,272.92	
	\$28,787.30	\$28,787.30

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**Assets:**

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1926	\$ 90,354.29	
Uncollected accounts	522,670.56	
Invested in Public Buildings, Land, Parks and other property	2,133,884.37	
Invested in Sinking Funds	247,640.37	
Invested in Sewerage System	689,851.04	
Invested in Surface Drainage System	339,063.53	
Invested in Water System	669,088.89	\$4,692,553.05

Liabilities:

Municipal Debt Bonds	\$1,191,500.00	
Municipal Debt Notes	143,000.00	
Trust Funds Uninvested	3,727.76	
Revenue Loans	300,000.00	\$1,638,227.76

Assets exceed Liabilities	\$3,054,325.29
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REVENUE

Taxes 1920—Balance from 1925 ...	\$172.19	
Abated	134.52	
Balance		\$37.67
Taxes 1922—Balance from 1925 ...	\$1,583.29	
Collected	25.00	
Balance		\$1,558.29
Taxes 1923—Balance from 1925 ...	\$9,422.26	
Collected and abated	8,763.40	
Balance		\$658.86
Taxes 1924—Balance from 1925 ...	\$39,182.60	
Collected and abated	30,316.61	
Balance		\$8,865.99
Taxes 1925—Balance from 1925 ...	\$332,487.47	
Additional Warrant ..	32.20	
	\$332,519.67	
Collected and abated	279,830.57	
Balance		\$52,689.10

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Taxes 1926—Assessors Warrant \$1,015,755.00
 Additional Warrant .. 769.57

\$1,016,524.57

Collected and abated 665,909.49

Balance \$350,615.08

Tax Titles and Takings

Balance from 1925 \$18,124.13

Additional 5,345.44

\$23,469.57

Collected 3,623.02

Balance \$19,846.55

Real Estate Taken by City

Balance from 1925 \$10,882.80

Additional 1,064.77

Balance \$11,947.57

SEWER ASSESSMENTS

1920—Balance from 1925 \$8.82

1921—Balance from 1925 \$49.03

1922—Balance from 1925 \$234.73

Collected 41.26

Balance \$193.47

1923 to

1935—Balance from 1925 \$20,090.78

Additional 14,052.19

\$34,142.97

Collected and apportioned .. 11,855.42

Balance \$22,287.55

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

1921—Balance from 1925 \$113.61

1922—Balance from 1925 \$495.24

Apportioned 44.59

Balance \$450.65

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1923 to		
1935—Balance from 1925	\$34,101.59	
Additional assessment	23,369.80	
	\$57,471.39	
Collected or apportioned	27,057.93	
Balance		\$30,413.46

STREET BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS

1920—Balance from 1925		\$31.59
1921—Balance from 1925		\$496.17
1922—Balance from 1925		\$1,345.68
1923 to		
1934—Balance from 1925	\$19,016.88	
Collected	4,109.88	
Balance		\$14,907.00

WATER RATES

1919—Balance from 1925		\$146.67
1920—Balance from 1925		\$605.07
1921—Balance from 1925		\$906.62
1922—Balance from 1925		\$32.99
1923—Balance from 1925	\$997.43	
Collected	35.62	
Balance		\$961.81
1924—Balance from 1925	\$716.61	
Collected	81.38	
Balance		\$635.23
1925—Balance from 1925	\$11,211.49	
Collected	11,170.88	
Balance		\$40.61
1926—Commitments	\$56,494.64	
Collected	53,669.22	
Balance		\$2,825.42

WATER INCOME**Receipts:**

From Water Rates	\$64,975.09	
From Summons	111.60	
From Water Maintenance Balance	1,150.05	\$66,236.74

Payments:

Balance from 1925	\$5,082.40	
Appropriation	38,724.00	
Interest on Bonds	4,522.50	
Metropolitan Water Charges	30,230.74	
Refunds	109.46	
City of Malden, Water Rates	93.35	
Balance to 1927		\$12,525.71
	\$78,762.45	\$78,762.45

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Balance Dec. 31, 1925	\$1,665.00	
Pay Rolls, State Aid	1,206.00	
Pay Rolls, Military Aid	80.00	
Soldiers' Burial	60.00	
	\$3,011.00	
Cash received from Commonwealth	1,768.50	\$1,242.50

Commissioner of Taxes**Income Tax collected by Commonwealth**

Balance Dec. 31, 1925		\$11,340.00
Cash from Commonwealth		88,159.70
Assessors' Warrant	\$64,269.45	
Budget Appropriation	11,340.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	23,890.25	
	\$99,499.70	\$99,499.70

Grants and Gifts**Receipts:**

From Middlesex County (Dog Tax)		\$2,054.62
Balance from 1925		94.91

Payments:

Transferred to Revenue 1926	\$2,149.53	
	\$2,149.53	\$2,149.53

Bank and Corporation Tax

Receipts:

From Commonwealth		\$21,921.13
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Payments:

Refunds to Commonwealth	\$214.42	
Transferred to Highway Division	1,137.04	
Transferred to Estimated Receipts	20,569.67	
	\$21,921.13	\$21,921.13

GENERAL GOVERNMENT**ALDERMEN—Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,075.00
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Expended:

Salary of Clerk of Committees	\$1,075.00	
	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Polishing and Putting band and letters on gavel (Jackman)	\$ 14.30	
Postage, printing, stationery and advertising	299.55	
Telephone	35.88	
Flowers	53.00	
Engrossing testimonial to President Jackman	16.00	
Framing picture	5.00	
Purchase of typewriters	161.75	
Serving notices	19.10	
Printing particular account	54.00	
Flyers and distribution (Inaugural 1927)	32.57	
Miscellaneous	5.14	
Transfer Order No. 17469	25.00	
Transfer Order No. 17471	150.00	
Transfer Order No. 17163	25.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	103.71	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

MAYOR—Salaries and Wages**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$2,820.00
Transfer Order No. 17619	105.00

Expended:

Salary of Mayor	\$1,000.00	
Salary of Clerk	1,840.84	
Other clerical assistance	70.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	14.16	
	\$2,925.00	\$2,925.00

Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$141.91	
Telephone	125.64	
Draperies for office	87.00	
Flowers	5.00	
Fern stand and plant holders	6.75	
Miscellaneous	16.75	
Transfer Order No. 17619	105.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	11.95	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

Expert of Efficiency

Balance from 1925		\$35.80
Balance to 1927	\$35.80	
	\$35.80	\$35.80

City Hall Furniture Order No. 17271**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Expended:

Desks, tables, chairs and book- cases	\$497.25	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	2.75	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

Inaugural 1927

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17672	\$150.00
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Expended:

Orchestra	\$40.00	
Quartette	42.08	
Flowers	16.50	
Programs and invitations	50.77	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.65	
	\$150.00	\$150.00

AUDITOR—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$4,117.34
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Expended:

Salary of Auditor	\$2,500.00	
Salary of Clerk	1,585.67	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	31.67	
	\$4,117.34	\$4,117.34

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$250.00
Transfer Order No. 17638	20.00

Expended:

Postage, stationery, printing and advertising	\$214.73	
Telephone	37.57	
Repairs to furniture and fixtures	5.75	
Miscellaneous	6.65	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	5.30	
	\$270.00	\$270.00

TREASURER—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,921.67
Transfer Order No. 17554	350.00

Expended:

Salary of Treasurer	\$2,326.86	
Salary of Clerk	1,722.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	222.81	
	\$4,271.67	\$4,271.67

Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$865.42
Transfer Order No. 17616	75.00
Cash (Refund)	111.77

Expended:

Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	\$248.49	
Check writer	70.00	
Subscription to News Bureau	18.00	
Telephone	47.30	
Bonds	379.65	
Renewal of robbery insurance	115.42	
Carfares and expenses	19.35	
Bond of paymaster	5.00	
Making storage chests	41.42	
Adding machine	98.00	
Miscellaneous	2.76	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	6.80	
	\$1,052.19	\$1,052.19

Treasurer, Pro-Tem.**Receipts:**

Transfer Order No. 17228	\$500.00
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Expended:

Salary of John T. King, Treasurer pro-tem	\$500.00	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

Administration of Invested Funds**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Expended:

Salary of Treasurer of Sinking Funds	\$200.00	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

Certification of Bonds and Notes**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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Expended:

Paid to Old Colony Trust Co.	\$1,200.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	300.00	
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

COLLECTOR—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$4,405.00
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Expended:

Salary of Collector	\$2,400.00	
Salary of Clerks	1,938.80	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	66.20	
	\$4,405.00	\$4,405.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,340.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and office supplies	\$646.06	
Telephone	39.37	
Burglar and robbery insurance....	402.18	
Expenses to convention	10.69	
Delivering poll tax bills	60.00	
Adding machine	98.00	
Shelving equipment	18.10	
Revolver	20.00	
Office chairs	26.95	
Miscellaneous	.75	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency.	17.90	
	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00

ASSESSORS—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$4,275.00
Transfer Order No. 17436		800.00
Transfer Order No. 17666		18.16

Expended:

Salary of Assessors	\$1,500.00	
Salary of Clerk of Assessors	1,900.00	
Salary of Assistant Assessors	375.00	
Salary of Clerks	1,318.16	
	\$5,093.16	\$5,093.16

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and office supplies	\$179.51	
Telephone	40.66	
Posting notices	5.00	
Carfares	7.24	
Recording transfers	184.88	
Fred W. Patten, use of auto for year 1926	150.00	
Printing poll books	590.70	
Furniture and furnishings	24.50	
Miscellaneous	.57	
Transfer Order No. 17436	800.00	
Transfer Order No. 17666	18.16	
Overdraft to 1927		1.22
	\$2,001.22	\$2,001.22

CITY CLERK—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,150.00
Transfer Order No. 17436	50.00
Transfer Order No. 17526	25.00
Transfer Order No. 17636	20.00

Expended:

Salary of City Clerk	\$2,150.00	
Salary of Assistant City Clerk	1,000.00	
Other clerical assistance	95.00	
	\$3,245.00	\$3,245.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$700.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$121.62
Clerical services	147.50
Telephone	78.50
Repairs to furniture and fixtures	10.00
One-half cost of typewriter.....	46.12
Dues in City Clerks' Association..	5.00

File cases	178.00	
Surety bond	4.00	
Miscellaneous	13.98	
Transfer Order No. 17436	50.00	
Transfer Order No. 17526	25.00	
Transfer Order No. 17636	20.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.28	
	\$700.00	\$700.00

CITY SOLICITOR—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Salary of City Solicitor	\$1,000.00	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Expended:		
Use of bus for jury	\$25.00	
Expenses of witnesses at Prescott Case	28.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	47.00	
	\$100.00	\$100.00

CITY PHYSICIAN—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$630.00
Expended:		
Salary of City Physician	\$630.00	
	\$630.00	\$630.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,395.00
Transfer Order No. 17436		480.00
Expended:		
Salary of Registrars	\$400.00	
Other clerical services and election officers	2,212.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	263.00	
	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00

Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$2,300.00
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Expended:

One-half cost of typewriter.....	\$46.13	
Clerical services	2.00	
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	680.51	
Repairs to ballot boxes and new boxes	320.80	
Putting out notices and lists of voters	22.80	
Trucking booths, tables and chairs to and from voting places	129.00	
Renting voting places	120.00	
Equipment, heating and lighting voting places	81.66	
Use of autos	10.00	
Telephone	7.33	
Miscellaneous	6.29	
Bill contracted but not paid	114.80	
Transfer Order No. 17436.....	480.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	278.68	
	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

CITY PLANNING BOARD—Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$44.94	
Dues, Mass. Federation of Plan- ning Boards	30.00	
Dues, National Conference on City Planning 1926 and 1927..	20.00	
Conference expenses	8.92	
Maps, blueprints and curtains.....	30.39	
Miscellaneous	16.54	
Overdraft to 1927		.79
	\$150.79	\$150.79

BOARD OF SURVEY—Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$25.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$4.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	21.00	
	\$25.00	\$25.00

GARAGE AND LICENSE COMMISSION—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Transfer Order No. 17436		\$50.00
Expended:		
Clerical services	\$45.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	5.00	
	\$50.00	\$50.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Transfer Order No. 17525		25.00
Expended:		
Transfer Order No. 17436	\$50.00	
Printing, stationery, postage and advertising	62.79	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	12.21	
	\$125.00	\$125.00

BOARD OF APPEAL—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Transfer Order No. 17436		\$100.00
Expended:		
Salary of Clerk	\$100.00	
	\$100.00	\$100.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$200.00

Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17436	\$100.00	
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	59.98	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	40.02	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

FENCE VIEWERS—Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$25.00
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Expended:

Balance to Excess and Deficiency	\$25.00	
	\$25.00	\$25.00

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(For details see report of Public Works Department)

PUBLIC WORKS—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$14,366.00
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Expended:

Salary of Engineer and Superin- tendent	\$5,000.00	
Salary of Clerks	9,252.66	
Bills paid	8.75	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	74.59	
	\$14,336.00	\$14,336.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,700.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$1,699.12	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.88	
	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00

Vacations

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$6,945.00
Cash	16.02

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$6,654.68
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	306.34

\$6,961.02	\$6,961.02
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Survey and Plans, Buildings and Land, Tremont Street

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$225.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$225.00
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\$225.00	\$225.00
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ENGINEERS—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$6,500.00
Cash	296.67

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$6,004.19
Bills paid	60.56
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	731.92

\$6,796.67	\$6,796.67
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Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
Cash	98.56

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$.75
Bills paid and transfer bills.....	1,459.23
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	38.58

\$1,498.56	\$1,498.56
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CITY HALL—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,620.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$3,294.10
Bills paid	38.36
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	287.54

\$3,620.00	\$3,620.00
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Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$4,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$ 80.23	
Bills paid and transfer bills.....	4,246.03	
Bill contracted but not paid	143.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	30.74	
	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Furniture, City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Order No. 17320

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$486.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	14.00	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

Furniture and Furnishings, New Aldermanic Chamber

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Expended:		
Bills paid and transfer bills	\$2,491.98	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	8.02	
	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Alterations and Repairs

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$4,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$185.65	
Bills paid and transfer bills	4,314.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.35	
	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Grading City Hall and Annex

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$884.43	
Bills paid and transfer bills.....	615.57	
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

AUDITORIUM—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17436.....	350.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$2,842.21	
Transfer Order No. 17684	507.79	
	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$145.60	
Janitor's supplies	82.28	
Furniture and Fixtures	201.14	
Freight, express and trucking....	10.02	
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	14.85	
Electric and gas light	758.22	
Moving piano	8.00	
Water rates 1926	27.91	
Electrical repairs and fixtures....	173.87	
Repairs to furniture and fixtures	64.55	
Carpenter work	71.75	
Telephone	19.26	
Fuel	703.47	
Plumbing and steamfitting re- pairs and fixtures	21.54	
Clerical services	39.00	
Insurance	274.05	
Transfer Order No. 17436.....	350.00	
Transfer Order No. 17684.....	34.49	
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Repairs after Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$11,088.50
Transfer Order No. 17684	542.28

Expended:

Painting and decorating	\$3,249.44	
Carpenter work	1,782.74	
Plastering and mason work	797.34	
Repairs to organ and moving....	1,909.75	
Work on roof	210.00	
Electrical Repairs and Fixtures	956.60	
Plumbing and steamfitting re-		
pairs	1,278.67	
Curbing and walks	280.46	
Architect for interior decorating	75.00	
Repairs to air ducts	74.00	
Resetting organ case	341.20	
Equipment and supplies	50.50	
Furniture and fixtures	298.21	
Balance to 1927	326.87	
	\$11,630.78	\$11,630.78

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$47,180.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$46,201.65
Transfer Order No. 17667.....	400.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	578.35
	\$47,180.00
	\$47,180.00

Equipment and Repairs

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17667	200.00
Cash	20.00

Expended:

Equipment, supplies and repairs	
to same	\$294.14
Oil, gas and naphtha	434.38
Auto parts and repairs	329.21
Typewriter	70.00
Carpenter work	66.65
Miscellaneous	19.90
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	5.72
	\$1,220.00
	\$1,220.00

Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$1,100.00
Transfer Order No. 17667.....	200.00
Cash	5.10

Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$260.04
Telephone	289.75
Typewriter	74.75
Storage of Buick and patrol.....	26.20
Sundry supplies and repairs.....	153.01
Repairs to and cleaning uniforms	9.00
Renewal of chauffeurs' licenses ..	28.00
Laundry	9.54
Use of Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium 1926	150.00
Expenses to Chiefs' convention ..	14.00
Expenses of official opening of new police quarters	27.05
Storage of recovered Chevrolet..	16.00
Expenses investigating liquor cases	17.70
Use of garage to store alcohol..	21.00
Repairs to furniture, fixtures and equipment	22.10
Letter file, panel door and grille	160.00
Miscellaneous	19.83
Bill contracted but not paid.....	7.00
Balance to excess and deficiency	.13
	\$1,305.10
	\$1,305.10

Furniture Order No. 17275**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
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Expended:

Bed and bedding	\$ 43.53
Rubber mat	18.00
Medicine cabinet	5.00
Lockers, desks, tables and chairs	1,321.50
Sundry supplies	11.15
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.82
	\$1,400.00
	\$1,400.00

Signal Box Maintenance**Receipts:**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$389.70	
Repairs and stock on service.....	594.29	
Express and freight	1.82	
Garage rent	35.00	
Repairs and parts on auto.....	35.22	
Oil and gas	48.51	
Team hire	123.00	
Telephone	4.50	
Transfer bills	134.90	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	33.06	
	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

New Signal Board and Desk Order No. 17156**Receipts:**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
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Expended:

Circuit register, stamp clock and		
Take-up reel	1,001.61	
Desk, complete and installing	985.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	13.39	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Ambulance Fund**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925		24.66
Cash		30.00

Expended:

Pillow cover	\$ 2.98	
Balance to 1927	51.68	
	\$54.66	\$54.66

Mechanician**Receipts:**

Appropriation		\$400.00
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Expended:

Salary of Mechanician	\$400.00	
	\$400.00	\$400.00

Motor Cycle Uniform

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$50.00
Expended:		
Cost of new uniform	\$50.00	
	\$50.00	\$50.00

Motorcycle

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$400.00
Expended:		
Cost of motorcycle	\$381.60	
Tire and tube	17.75	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.65	
	\$400.00	\$400.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$48,300.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$47,668.03	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	631.97	
	\$48,300.00	\$48,300.00

Fuel and Light

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,900.00
Expended:		
Light	\$249.79	
Fuel	1,265.63	
Gas and oil	371.68	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	12.90	
	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Equipment and Repairs

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,800.00

Expended:

Sundry supplies and tools	\$267.74	
Equipment and repairs to same..	762.67	
Express, freight and trucking	54.76	
Truck and auto parts and repairs	683.06	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	31.77	
	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00

Repairs on Buildings

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Lumber	\$44.64	
Stock and labor cutting soapstone sink	73.60	
Painting	454.42	
Plumbing and steamfitting sup- plies and repairs	56.36	
Plastering	62.40	
Carpenter work	96.30	
Electrical work	46.04	
Surfacing floors	35.00	
Water rates 1926	21.62	
Miscellaneous tools and supplies	106.42	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	3.20	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,600.00
Cash	17.13

Expended:

Freight, trucking and express	\$4.96
Laundry	148.32
Beds and bedding	45.95
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	78.76
Telephone	267.25
Other supplies, tools and hard- ware	569.01
Team and horse hire	180.00
Oats and hay	24.93
Inhalator complete	159.27

CITY OF MELROSE

Water rates 1926	33.00	
Renewal of chauffeurs' licenses ..	42.00	
Expenses to Chiefs' convention ..	12.00	
Miscellaneous	47.33	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	4.35	
	\$1,617.13	\$1,617.13

Purchase of Hose

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Cost of hose	\$988.34	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	11.66	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Fire Alarm Maintenance

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17573		400.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$798.32	
Repairs and stock on service	2,077.32	
Freight, express and trucking	8.29	
Horse and team hire	133.00	
Garage rent	49.00	
Repairs and parts on auto	89.20	
Gas and oil	44.25	
Electric light	6.00	
Telephone	45.74	
Renewal of license	2.00	
Liability insurance	57.00	
Heater for office	10.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	79.54	
	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00

Fire Alarm Boxes on Outside of all School Buildings

Receipts:	
Balance from 1925	\$416.75

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$146.40	
Stock and labor on High School	59.95	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	210.40	
	\$416.75	\$416.75

Connecting Fire Alarm with Wakefield

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$97.82
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Expended:

Relay	\$23.03	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	74.79	
	\$97.82	\$97.82

Fire Alarm Box at 75 Lake Avenue

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$225.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$73.20	
Box, labor and supplies	147.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	4.80	
	\$225.00	\$225.00

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$960.00
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Expended:

Salary of Inspector	\$600.00	
Salary of assistants	360.00	
	\$960.00	\$960.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$40.00
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Expended:

Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$29.00	
Miscellaneous	.75	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	10.25	
	\$40.00	\$40.00

INSPECTOR OF WIRES—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended:		
Salary of Inspector	\$2,000.00	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Expended:		
Stationery, printing and postage	\$27.25	
Telephone	51.67	
Miscellaneous	5.75	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	15.33	
	\$100.00	\$100.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Salary of Sealer	\$1,000.00	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$200.00
Expended:		
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	\$49.45	
Use of car	87.00	
Plates and badges	12.31	
Cleaning and varnishing furniture	10.00	
Miscellaneous	1.05	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	40.19	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

FORESTRY—Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00

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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$418.03	
Bills paid and transfer bills	577.21	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	4.76	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH—Private Estates

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$50.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$27.84	
Transfer bills	16.49	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	5.67	
	\$50.00	\$50.00

Other Insect Pests

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$5.50	
Transfer bills	1.17	
Transfer Order No. 17601	993.33	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$450.00
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Expended:

Overdraft from 1925	.03	
Bills paid	46.48	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	403.49	
	\$450.00	\$450.00

Care of Trees in Highway

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$3,250.00
Transfer Order No. 17601		993.33
Cash		77.45

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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$3,470.38	
Bills paid and transfer bills	734.40	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	116.00	
	\$4,320.78	\$4,320.78

Planting New Trees

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$300.00
Cash	190.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$215.36	
Bills paid and transfer bills	230.90	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	43.74	
	\$490.00	\$490.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—General Administration

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Expended:

Salary of Clerk	\$1,407.83	
Subscription to American Journal and Record	6.00	
Telephone	94.92	
Salary of Health Physician	770.00	
Salary of Health Committee	96.64	
Stationary, printing, postage and advertising	28.40	
Other Clerical work	30.00	
Miscellaneous	.90	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	65.31	
	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$161.49
Appropriation	3,000.00

Expended:

Board and Care	\$1,674.60	
Use of car	270.00	
Medical supplies and medicine	49.06	
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	68.29	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Bills contracted but not paid	155.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	942.54	
	\$3,161.49	\$3,161.49

Tuberculosis**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$610.96
Appropriation	1,500.00

Expended:

Cash orders	\$312.00	
Clothing and shoes	15.78	
Use of car	90.00	
Carfares	2.09	
Board and care—North Reading Sanatorium	132.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	1,559.09	
	\$2,110.96	\$2,110.96

Vital Statistics—Salaries and Wages**Receipts:**

Transfer Order No. 17,436	\$30.00
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Expended:

Clerical services	\$30.00	
	\$30.00	\$30.00

Vital Statistics—Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$400.00
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Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17,436	\$30.00
Pay Rolls	125.50
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	106.96
Return of births 1926	70.25
Return of deaths 1926	51.75
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	15.54

\$400.00

\$400.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Expended:

Salary of Plumbing Inspector	\$1,225.00
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	125.38
Medical supplies and medicine	7.35
Salary of Sanitary Inspector	125.00
Freight, express and trucking	8.60
Inspection of food products	32.50
Burying dead animals	120.75
Cabinets and shelves	122.40
Typewriter desk and chair	89.75
Miscellaneous	38.22
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	105.05

\$2,000.00

\$2,000.00

Inspection of Food Products

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Expended:

Salary of Inspector	\$100.00
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\$100.00

Inspection of School Children

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$400.00
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Expended:

Salary of Inspectors	\$375.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	25.00

\$400.00

\$400.00

Inspection of Animals and Slaughtering

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$200.00
Expended:		
Salary of Inspector	\$200.00	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

Inspection of Milk and Vinegar

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Expended:		
Salary of inspector	\$100.00	
	\$100.00	\$100.00

Inspection of Milk Analysis

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$400.00
Expended:		
Salary of inspector	\$400.00	
	\$400.00	\$400.00

Public Health Nurse

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$700.00
Expended:		
Salary of nurse	\$700.00	
	\$700.00	\$700.00

SANITATION**Sewer Division—Maintenance**

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$1,598.53	
Transfer bills	390.79	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	10.68	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Sewer Construction—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Expended:		
Transfer to construction—Non-		
Revenue	\$1,500.00	
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Surface Drainage—Maintenance

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$970.75	
Bills paid and transfer bills	3,857.18	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	172.07	
	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Sewer and Surface Drainage Construction—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$7,200.00
Expended:		
Transfer to Surface Drainage		
Construction—Non Revenue	\$7,200.00	
	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00

Collection of Ashes and Rubbish

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$14,100.00
Cash		5.76
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$9,503.11	
Bills paid and transfer bills	4,601.16	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	1.49	
	\$14,105.76	\$14,105.76

Refuse and Garbage Disposal

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$15,500.00
Cash		10.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$11,513.26	
Bills paid and transfer bills	3,705.82	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	290.92	
	\$15,510.00	\$15,510.00

Street Cleaning**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$4,200.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$1,940.46	
Bills paid and transfer bills	2,259.54	
	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00

Cleaning Brooks**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$2,894.58	
Bills paid and transfer bills	484.18	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	621.24	
	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

HIGHWAYS—Repairing**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$1,037.75
Appropriation	40,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17,665	3,970.80
Cash-School Department	1,157.67
Other sources	2,692.48
Street railway tax	1,137.04

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$29,590.45	
Bills paid and transfer bills	19,865.92	
Balance to 1927	539.37	
	\$49,995.74	\$49,995.74

Highway Construction—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$7,200.00
Expended:		
Transfer to Highway Construction—Non Revenue	\$7,200.00	
	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00

Individual Walks

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$2,555.52
Appropriation		1,000.00
Estimates received		5,976.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$959.76	
Transfer bills	6,752.49	
Estimates refunded	601.21	
Balance to 1927	1,218.06	
	\$9,531.52	\$9,531.52

Sidewalk Repairs

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$1,728.08	
Bills paid and transfer bills	2,373.38	
Transfer Order No. 17,665	1,874.70	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	23.84	
	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

Continuous walks—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$7,200.00
Expended:		
Transfer to Continuous-Walks—Non-Revenue	\$7,200.00	
	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00

Crosswalks and Gutters—Budget Appropriation

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Transfer to highway repairing		
Order No. 17,665	\$505.61	
Transfer to crosswalks and gut-		
ters—Non-Revenue	2,494.39	
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Street Sprinkling

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$17,000.00
Cash		6.05
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$16,956.18	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	49.87	
	\$17,006.05	\$17,006.05

Street Lighting

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$27,000.00
Cash (Park Dep't)		270.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$10.40	
Bills paid and transfer bills	26,612.54	
Transfer Order No. 17,665	630.06	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	17.00	
	\$27,270.00	\$27,270.00

Street Signs and Numbers

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$92.33	
Bills paid and transfer bills	874.51	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	33.16	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Removal of Snow and Sanding**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$69.88	
Appropriation	19,000.00	
Cash (Cemetery Dep't.)	19.48	

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$17,181.32	
Bills paid and transfer bills	7,179.75	
Overdraft to 1927		5,271.71
	\$24,361.07	\$24,361.07

Traffic Painting**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$180.28	
Bills paid and transfer bills	51.79	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	67.93	
	\$300.00	\$300.00

Stable Account**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Cash	145.00	

Expended:

Pay Rolls, bills paid and transfer bills	\$1,833.24	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	311.76	
	\$2,145.00	\$2,145.00

Steam Roller**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$1,300.24	
Transfer bills	1,711.25	

Expended:

Pay Rolls	203.51	
Bills paid and transfer bills	452.58	
Balance to 1927	2,355.40	
	\$3,011.49	3,011.49

Automotive Equipment**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$7,000.00
Cash—Park Department	57.00
Inspection of Wires De- partment	57.00
Refunds	46.01
Other Sources	329.26

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$3,170.68
Bills paid and transfer bills	4,295.99
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	22.60
	\$7,489.27
	\$7,489.27

CHARITIES—General Administration**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$1,350.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$1,300.00
Other clerical services	28.75
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	21.25
	\$1,350.00
	\$1,350.00

Outside Relief**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
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Expended:

Cash orders paid	\$2,787.00
Board and care	730.00
Groceries and provisions	249.19
Fuel	152.52
Rent	775.00
Medical supplies and medicine ..	49.64
Burial expenses	87.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	167.65
	\$5,000.00
	\$5,000.00

Relief by Other Cities and Towns**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$802.35
Appropriation	6,000.00

Expended:

Board, care and medical attention	\$5,684.17	
Milk, groceries and provisions	299.25	
Coal and fuel	57.21	
Medical supplies	114.27	
Interment	13.50	
Cash	520.00	
Clothing and shoes	30.45	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	83.50	
	\$6,802.35	\$6,802.35

Mothers' Aid**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$5,500.00
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Expended:

Overdraft from 1925	\$68.50	
Cash orders paid	4,534.00	
Medical attention and supplies ..	5.90	
Dental services	2.00	
Expenses of operating room	7.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	882.60	
	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

E. Toothaker Fund**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$1,578.01
Interest on fund 1926	63.12

Expended:

Cash orders paid	\$69.00	
Groceries	4.61	
Transportation	10.00	
Hospital board and care	287.00	
Balance to 1927	1,270.52	
	\$1,641.13	\$1,641.13

A. C. Marie Currier Fund**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$2,559.44
Received from Trustees of Fund	1,132.07

Expended:

Groceries	\$651.49	
Boots and shoes	997.95	
Clothing	63.97	
Balance to 1927	1,978.10	
	\$3,691.51	\$3,691.51

Hospitals**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Expended:

Overdraft from 1925	\$3.18	
Board and care in Melrose Hospital	752.81	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	444.01	
	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

Community Civics—Melrose High School—Class 1918**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925		\$15.61
Interest on Liberty Bond		2.13
Balance to 1927	\$17.74	
	\$17.74	\$17.74

Other Expenses**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$150.00
Transfer Order No. 17600	50.00

Expended:

Stationery, printing, advertising and postage	\$84.59	
Telephone	80.45	
Use of car to investigate cases	6.00	
Clerical work	3.50	
Miscellaneous	2.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	22.96	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS—General Administration**Salaries and Wages**

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$600.00
Expended:		
Salary of Agent	\$600.00	
	\$600.00	\$600.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Transfer Order No. 17570		25.00
Expended:		
Letter file and guides	\$41.17	
Typewriting	42.00	
Carfares	9.70	
Stationery, printing and postage	19.69	
Express and freight	1.25	
Miscellaneous	.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	10.69	
	\$125.00	\$125.00

State Aid**(Due from Commonwealth, November 1927)**

Pay Rolls	\$1,206.00
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Military Aid**(One-half due from Commonwealth, November 1927)**

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$200.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$160.00	
Balance	40.00	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

Soldiers' Relief

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Cash refunds		93.50

Expended:

Cash orders	\$4,803.00	
Groceries and milk	328.11	
Fuel	673.45	
Medical supplies	13.09	
Board and care	155.00	
Rent	20.00	
Cash	10.00	
Medical services	61.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	29.85	
	\$6,093.50	\$6,093.50

Soldiers' Burial

(Due from Commonwealth November 1927)

Bills paid	\$60.00
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—Administration Salaries
(For details see report of School Department)

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$4,700.00
Transfer	49.96

Expended:

Salary of Superintendent	\$4,749.96	
	\$4,749.96	\$4,749.96

Other General Salaries

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$3,025.00
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Expended:

Salary of Attendance Officer....	\$500.00	
Salary of clerks	2,440.95	
Transfer	49.96	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	34.09	
	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00

Other General Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,900.00
Transfers	193.00

Expended:

Bills paid	\$2,083.69	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	9.31	
	\$2,093.00	\$2,093.00

Teachers' Salaries

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$226,000.00
Transfers		771.00

Expended:

Salaries	\$226,770.55	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.45	
	\$226,771.00	\$226,771.00

Textbooks and Supplies

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$15,000.00
Cash (transfer)		16.77

Expended:

Bills paid	\$14,868.93	
Transfer	140.00	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	7.34	
	\$15,016.77	\$15,016.77

Other Expenses

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Transfer		15.13

Expended:

Bills paid	\$1,015.13	
	\$1,015.13	\$1,015.13

Janitors' Services

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$19,000.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$18,580.26	
Transfers	360.98	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	58.76	
	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00

Power and Light

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Transfers	426.00	

Expended:

Bills paid	\$2,925.22	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.78	
	\$2,926.00	\$2,926.00

Fuel

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$11,000.00	
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$10,673.88	
Transfer	325.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	1.12	
	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00

Janitors' Supplies

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Transfer	173.84	

Expended:

Bills paid	\$1,173.43	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.41	
	\$1,173.84	\$1,173.84

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$11,000.00	
Transfers	3,589.54	
Cash (Transfer)	12.85	

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$1,631.43	
Bills paid	11,920.96	
Transfers	1,050.00	
	\$14,602.39	\$14,602.39

Furniture and Furnishings

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$600.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$352.71	
Transfer	89.54	
Bill contracted but not paid.....	21.60	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	136.15	
	\$600.00	\$600.00

Athletics

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$949.56	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	50.44	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

School Nurses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,460.00
Expended:		
Salary of nurses	\$1,387.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	72.50	
	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00

Tuition

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$1,457.71	
Transfers	946.00	
Bills contracted but not paid	85.97	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	510.32	
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Water Rates

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$600.00
Transfer		33.14
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$633.14	
	\$633.14	\$633.14

Washington School Playground

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$1,000.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$379.25	
Balance to 1927	620.75	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Purchase of Study Chairs for High School Hall

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$900.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$898.50	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	1.50	
	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Preliminary Plans for Proposed New School House in
Winthrop School District**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$500.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$500.00	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

Construction of East Side School House

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$20,000.00
Expended:		
Transferred to School House Construction, Non-Revenue	\$20,000.00	
	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

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Household Economics

Receipts:			
Appropriation			\$3,000.00
Expended:			
Bills paid	\$2,964.06		
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	35.94		
	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00

Lincoln School, New Boilers

Receipts:			
Appropriation			\$3,500.00
Expended:			
Transfer to Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds.....	\$3,500.00		
	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00

Rent of First Methodist Church Parish House

Receipts:			
Transfers			\$1,225.00
Expended:			
Bills paid	\$1,225.00		
	\$1,225.00		\$1,225.00

LIBRARIES—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:			
Appropriation			\$10,077.00
Expended:			
Pay Rolls	\$10,075.67		
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	1.33		
	\$10,077.00		\$10,077.00

Books and Periodicals

Receipts:			
Appropriation			\$3,300.00
Expended:			
Bills paid	\$3,294.68		
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	5.32		
	\$3,300.00		\$3,300.00

Binding

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$650.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	646.89	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	3.11	
	\$650.00	\$650.00

Fuel and Light

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$950.00
Expended:		
Fuel	\$660.57	
Light	284.95	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	4.48	
	\$950.00	\$950.00

Buildings, Janitors' Supplies, Etc.

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$1,099.29	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.71	
	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$497.65	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	2.35	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

RECREATION**Pine Banks Park**

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,450.00
Expended:		
Salary of Trustees	\$288.00	
Miscellaneous labor and supplies	203.45	
Fuel	5.75	

Insurance	44.28	
Board of horse	175.00	
Food for animals	157.59	
Water Rates	3.18	
New toilets	435.00	
Telephone	17.40	
Wiring and electrical repairs...	247.50	
Pay Rolls	708.00	
Electric light	5.69	
Underground service to cottage at park	75.50	
Wall paper and supplies for cot- tage	11.38	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	72.28	
	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

(For details see report of Park Commission)

General Administration—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$360.00
Expended:		
Salary of Clerk	\$360.00	
	\$360.00	\$360.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$300.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$264.50	
Transfer Order No. 17668.....	35.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.50	
	\$300.00	\$300.00

Parks and Gardens—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$1,825.00	
Transfer Order No. 17520	100.00	
Transfer Order No. 17571-A	75.00	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$600.00
Transfer Order No. 17571-A		75.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$674.99	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.01	
	\$675.00	\$675.00

Ell Pond Park Lighting

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$270.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$270.00	
	\$270.00	\$270.00

Development of Ice House Property

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$930.60
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$324.12	
Balance to 1927	606.48	
	\$930.60	\$930.60

Winter Sports

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17668		117.00
Transfer Order No. 17705		127.41
Expended:		
Overdraft from 1925	\$12.58	
Pay Rolls	817.02	
Bills paid	364.81	
Transfer Order No. 17520	50.00	
	\$1,244.41	\$1,244.41

Bowden Park

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$1,082.72
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$625.45	
Bills paid	457.27	
	\$1,082.72	\$1,082.72

Playgrounds—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$3,210.00	
Transfer Order No. 17520	100.00	
Transfer Order No. 17571-A	190.00	

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17571-A ...		175.00
	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$2,174.93	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.07	
	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00

Bathhouses—Salaries and Wages

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Transfer Order No. 17520		250.00
Transfer Order No. 17547		100.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$1,450.00	
Salaries of police officers.....	18.00	
Transfer Order No. 17668	82.00	
	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00

Other Expenses

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$625.00
Transfer Order No. 17571-A		15.00
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$640.00	
	\$640.00	\$640.00

**Installation of New Toilets and Erection of New
Building for Housing**

Receipts:		
Transfer Order No. 17475		\$1,200.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$148.75	
Bills paid	1,051.25	
	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

CELEBRATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS**Observance of 4th of July and 75th Anniversary 1925**

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$35.05
Balance to 1927	35.05	
	\$35.05	\$35.05

All Others

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Expended:		
Ringling bells	\$32.00	
Christmas trees	20.25	
Lighting and decorating	41.10	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	6.65	
	\$100.00	\$100.00

**Observance of 4th of July 1926
(150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration
of Independence)**

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$1,500.00

Expended:

Services of City Band	\$200.00	
Services of 372nd Regiment		
Band	215.00	
Advertising	34.80	
Services of singer	15.00	
Police duty	15.00	
Use of Athletic Field	125.00	
Band concert	60.00	
Cost of fireworks	803.40	
Balance to 1927	31.80	
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

PENSIONS

Receipts:

Appropriation, Treasury Department	\$1,200.00
Public Works Department	13,394.00
Police Department	950.00
Fire Department	1,075.00
School Department	500.00
Library Department	600.00
Cemetery Department	235.00

Expended:

Treasury Department	\$1,200.00	
Public Works Department	12,433.10	
Transfer Order No. 17665.....	960.43	
Police Department	950.00	
Fire Department	1,075.00	
School Department	500.00	
Library Department	600.00	
Cemetery Department	175.72	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	59.75	
	\$17,954.00	\$17,954.00

UNCLASSIFIED—Claims

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$252.94
Transfer Order No. 17277	100.00
Transfer Order No. 17273	170.58
Transfer Order No. 17390	75.00
Transfer Order No. 16894	75.00
Transfer Order No. 17614	324.03
Transfer Order No. 17658	15.00

Expended:

Claims paid	\$859.61	
Balance to 1927	152.94	
	\$1,012.55	\$1,012.55

Memorial Day

Receipts:

Appropriation, G. A. R.	\$549.00
Melrose Post No. 90 American Legion	400.00
Fire Department	50.00

Expended:

G. A. R.	\$513.83	
Melrose Post No. 90 American Legion	389.11	
Fire Department	31.00	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	29.89	
Balance to 1927	26.17	
	\$990.00	\$990.00

Printing City Report

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$600.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$600.00	
	\$600.00	\$600.00

Ice for Drinking Fountain

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$25.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$25.00	
	\$25.00	\$25.00

Fire and Boiler Insurance

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Cash (Refunds)	345.14

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Expended:

Bills paid	\$3,783.61	
Transfer bills	1,037.18	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	524.35	
	\$5,345.14	\$5,345.14

Portraits

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$197.00
Transfer Order No. 17229		75.00
Transfer Order No. 17471		150.00
Transfer Order No. 17163		25.00

Expended:

Bills paid	\$100.00	
Balance to 1927	347.00	
	\$447.00	\$447.00

Taking Land—Winthrop School

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$4.25
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Expended:

Land Court fees	\$4.25	
	\$4.25	\$4.25

American Legion Headquarters

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$900.00
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Expended:

Rent of quarters	\$900.00	
	\$900.00	\$900.00

Purchase of Land—Grove, Lynde and Lebanon Streets

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$7,500.00
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Expended:

Paid for land	\$7,444.92	
Balance to 1927	55.08	
	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Purchasing and Taking Land—Trenton Street

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$1,600.00
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Expended:

Paid for land	\$1,600.00	
	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

Purchase of Land Order No. 17409

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
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Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17613-A	\$233.76	
Transfer Order No. 17650	966.24	
	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

Purchase of Nelson Land—Essex Street

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17650		\$1,422.00
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Balance to 1927	\$1,422.00	
	\$1,422.00	\$1,422.00

New Building Construction Order No. 17412

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$7,200.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$464.90	
Transfer bills	1,808.11	
Transfer Order No. 17475	1,200.00	
Balance to 1927	3,726.99	
	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00

Rifle Practice 182nd Regiment M. N. G.**Headquarters Co. 3rd Battalion**

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$300.00
Transfer Order No. 17678		207.04

Expended:

Use of Wakefield Range.....	\$507.04	
	\$507.05	\$507.04

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**Purchase of Land—Swains Pond Ave. and Cumner Ave.
Lloyd Square**

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$150.00
Balance to 1927	\$150.00	
	\$150.00	\$150.00

Lynde Street School Lot

Receipts:

Cash received from sale of land		\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$4.50	
Balance to 1927	995.50	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Purchase of Land for Proposed Extension of Greenwood Street

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$7,500.00
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Expended:

Transferred to Greenwood St. Extension—Non-Revenue	\$7,500.00	
	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Repairing and Reframing Portraits Order No. 17405

Receipts:

Appropriation		\$480.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$475.00	
Balance to 1927	5.00	
	\$480.00	\$480.00

Engrossing Resolutions (Ex-Alderman Fernald)

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17469		\$25.00
Balance to 1927	\$25.00	
	\$25.00	\$25.00

WATER DIVISION—Maintenance**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Cash—Refunds	.90
Other sources	215.49

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$15,875.29	
Bills paid and transfer bills	3,116.05	
Transfer Order No. 17390	75.00	
Balance to Water Income	1,150.05	
	\$20,216.39	\$20,216.39

Inside Services**Receipts:**

Estimates received	\$10,488.44
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Expended:

Overdraft from 1925	\$70.85	
Pay Rolls	3,838.28	
Bills paid and transfer bills	4,933.65	
Estimates refunded	2,717.25	
Overdraft to 1927		\$1,071.59
	\$11,560.03	\$11,560.03

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT—Maintenance**Receipts:**

Appropriation	\$15,449.97
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Expended:

Salary of Superintendent	\$2,400.00
Salary of Committee	75.00
Pay Rolls	10,278.56
Team hire	1,074.04
Surveying	69.00
Freight and express	10.33
Fuel	34.50
Oil and gas	10.35
Water rates 1926	24.57
Equipment and supplies	745.65
Stationery, printing, postage and advertising	206.15

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Car mileage	4.85	
Electric Light	7.10	
Telephone	95.47	
File cabinet	100.00	
Clerical assistance	9.60	
Dressing and filling	74.00	
Flowers and shrubs	101.50	
Liability insurance	100.64	
Bond	5.00	
Snow removal (City of Melrose)	19.48	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	4.18	
	\$15,449.97	\$15,449.97

Improvements and Development of New Burial Space

Receipts:		
Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Rolls	\$897.76	
Horse and team hire	225.00	
Tools and supplies	31.85	
Blasting, trucking, filling and grading	2,336.00	
Miscellaneous labor	9.30	
Balance to Excess and Deficiency	.09	
	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

Bills Payable

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$819.47
Expended:		
Bills paid	\$819.47	
	\$819.47	\$819.47

INTEREST

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$26,310.05
Appropriation		69,000.00
Received on bank deposits		6,478.36
Received on taxes and assessments		19,564.91
Accrued on bonds and notes		261.27

Expended:

Budget Appropriation	\$26,310.05
For Revenue loans	15,013.54
For Municipal loans	6,497.25
For school house loans	18,266.20
For sewer loans	12,340.00
For surface drainage loans	7,432.47
For park bonds	20.00
For auditorium and memorial building bonds	1,920.00
For city hall extension bonds ...	2,252.50
For Toothaker fund	63.12
Refunds	7.97
Balance to 1927	31,491.49

\$121,614.59

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AGENCY TRUSTS AND INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Agency

Guarantee deposits received		\$2,499.00
Payments:		
Deposits returned	\$1,875.00	
Balance to 1927	624.00	
	\$2,499.00	\$2,499.00

Taxes:

State	\$47,040.00
County	39,379.87
Metropolitan sewer	26,278.73
Metropolitan park	19,505.23
State Highway	436.05
Charles River basin	2,603.30
Charles River basin (cash refund)	4,529.22
Charles River Bridge	3,235.32
Boston and Watertown bridge	231.68
Metropolitan planning	408.10
Western Avenue bridge	372.58
Fire prevention	255.04

Expended:

Paid State Treasurer	\$100,366.03
Paid County Treasurer	39,379.87
Balance to 1927	4,529.22

\$144,275.12

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John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund

Received from New York City		\$400.00
Deposited in Melrose Savings Bank	\$400.00	
	\$400.00	\$400.00

Levi S. Gould School Medal Fund

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$200.77
Interest 1926	42.50

Payments:

Bills paid	\$28.00
Balance to 1927	215.27
	\$243.27
	\$243.27

Norman F. Hesseltine Fund

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$7.22
Cash refund	5.00
Interest 1926	4.25

Payments:

Bills Paid	\$10.00
Balance to 1927	6.47
	\$16.47
	\$16.47

NON REVENUE**Loans Authorized**

Order No. 17158 Construction of East Side Schoolhouse	\$180,000.00
Order No. 17300 Water Construction	20,000.00
Order No. 17301 Continuous Walks	15,000.00
Order No. 17302 Sewer Construction	15,000.00
Order No. 17303 Surface Drainage Construction	15,000.00
Order No. 16965 Public Ways	27,000.00
Order No. 17430 Sewer Construction	15,000.00
Order No. 17435 Building City Stables and Garage	30,000.00
Order No. 17512 Continuous Walks	6,000.00

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Order No. 17559 Water Construc- tion	10,000.00	
Order No. 17598 Purchase of Trac- tor and Snow Plow	5,000.00	
Loan Order rescinded No. 17430 ..		\$15,000.00
Loan Orders issued		323,000.00
	\$338,000.00	\$338,000.00

MEMORIAL BUILDING—Enlarging and Extending

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$17,686.40
Expended:		
Casey and Darcy Co.	\$7,277.04	
Schofield-Campbell Co.	4,499.75	
Insurance	64.10	
Eagle Cornice and Skylight Works	750.00	
Balance to 1927	5,095.51	
	\$17,686.40	\$17,686.40

CITY HALL BUILDING—Enlarging and Extending

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$33,005.84
Appropriation		300.00
Expended:		
Brock Brothers	\$4,442.75	
M. B. Foster Electric Co.	2,092.00	
Hudson Construction Co.	25,605.90	
John H. Pray & Son.	69.55	
Wing Electric Co.	24.00	
Frank E. Coyle	200.40	
Charles R. Greco	719.19	
L. Nickerson	48.96	
Bill contracted but not paid	70.00	
Balance to 1927	33.09	
	\$33,305.84	\$33,305.84

CITY STABLE—Construction

Receipts:		
Loan Authorized No. 17435		\$30,000.00

Expended:

Bills paid	\$22,482.87	
Balance to 1927	7,517.13	
	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.—Purchase of Snow Plow and Tractor

Receipts:

Loan Authorized No. 17598	\$5,000.00
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Expended:

Bill contracted but not paid	\$4,850.00	
Balance to 1927	150.00	
	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

SEWER DIVISION—Private Sewers

Receipts:

Estimates received	\$17,528.35
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Expended:

Overdraft from 1925	\$476.34	
Pay Rolls	8,736.19	
Bills paid and transfer bills	4,824.42	
Estimates refunded	3,917.13	
Overdraft to 1927		425.73
	\$17,954.08	\$17,954.08

Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$12,666.50
Loan Authorized No. 17302	15,000.00
Transfer Order No. 17430-B	15,000.00
Transfer (Budget Appropriation)	1,500.00
Cash	66.79

Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17057.....	\$3,465.00	
Transfer Order No. 17625	1,860.00	
Transfer Order No. 17626	3,260.00	
Pay Rolls	25,336.22	
Bills paid and transfer bills	5,458.01	
Balance to 1927	4,854.06	
	44,233.29	\$44,233.29

Construction Order No. 17057—Ravine Road

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17057		\$3,465.00
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Expended:

Bills paid	\$81.75	
Balance to 1927	3,383.25	
	\$3,465.00	\$3,465.00

Construction Order No. 17625—Glen Street

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17625		\$1,860.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	605.70	
Bills paid and transfer bills	210.63	
Balance to 1927	1,043.67	
	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00

Construction Order No. 17626—Garland Street

Receipts:

Transfer Order No. 17626		\$3,260.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$833.88	
Bills paid and transfer bills	204.87	
Balance to 1927	2,221.25	
	\$3,260.00	\$3,260.00

East Side Sewer Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$23,097.36
Cash		401.80

Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17430-B	\$15,000.00	
Pay Rolls	2,730.66	
Bills paid and transfer bills	5,768.50	
	\$23,499.16	\$23,499.16

Surface Drainage Construction**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$ 1.55
Loan Authorized No. 17303	15,000.00
Transfer from Budget appropriation	7,200.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$12,313.49	
Bills paid and transfer bills	8,740.84	
Balance to 1927	1,147.22	
	\$22,201.55	\$22,201.55

Construction—Towner's Pond Brook**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$86.09
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$60.44	
Transfer bills	5.65	
	\$86.09	\$86.09

HIGHWAYS—Continuous Walks**Receipts:**

Balance from 1925	\$2,389.16
Loan Authorized No. 17301	15,000.00
Loan Authorized No. 17512	6,000.00
Cash	2.00
Collections 1926	10,038.57
Transfer from Budget Appropriation	7,200.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$4,641.44	
Bills paid and transfer bills	18,613.37	
Transfer Order No. 16928	7,920.00	
Balance to 1927	9,454.92	
	\$40,629.73	\$40,629.73

Continuous Walks Order No. 16928—First Street**Receipts:**

Transfer Order No. 16928	\$7,920.00
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$693.52	
Bills paid and transfer bills	5,709.41	
Balance to 1927	1,517.07	
	\$7,920.00	7,920.00

Crosswalks and Gutters

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$91.84
Transfer from Budget appropriation	2,494.39

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$1,622.66	
Bills paid and transfer bills	963.57	
	\$2,586.23	\$2,586.23

Highway Construction

Receipts:

Loan Authorized No. 16965	\$27,000.00
Transfer from Budget appropriation	7,200.00
Transfer of sundry accounts' balances	420.78

Expended:

Transfer Order No. 17521	\$1,200.00	
Pay Rolls	7,645.25	
Bills paid and transfer bills	24,069.99	
Balance to 1927	1,705.54	
	\$34,620.78	\$34,620.78

Greenwood Street—Proposed Extension

Receipts:

Transfer from Budget appropriation	\$7,500.00
Transfer Order No. 17521	1,200.00
Transfer Order No. 17613-A	233.76

Expended:

Bills paid	\$8,851.45	
Balance to 1927	82.31	
	\$8,933.76	\$8,933.76

Lynde Avenue Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$61.78
Balance to Highway Construction ..	\$61.78	
	\$61.78	\$61.78

East Foster Street Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$213.47
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Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$139.55	
Bills paid and transfer bills	69.52	
Balance to Highway Construction ..	4.40	
	\$213.47	213.47

Sears Avenue Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$7.50
Balance to Highway Construction ..	7.50	
	\$7.50	7.50

Appleton Street Macadam

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$478.40
Balance to 1927	478.40	
	\$478.40	\$478.40

Wyoming Heights Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$14.17
Balance to Highway Construction ..	\$14.17	
	\$14.17	\$14.17

North Avenue Macadam and Edgestone

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$136.28
Balance to Highway Construction ..	\$136.28	
	\$136.28	\$136.28

Heyward Avenue Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925		\$196.65
Balance to Highway Construction ..	\$196.65	
	\$196.65	\$196.65

SCHOOLHOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Balance from 1925	\$4,700.48
Transfer Order No. 17581	269.56

Expended:

Building Roosevelt School	\$300.00	
Grading Roosevelt School	4,620.95	
Balance to 1927	49.09	
	\$4,970.04	\$4,970.04

New Winthrop School Construction and Equipment

Receipts:

Appropriation in Budget	\$20,000.00
Loan Authorized No. 17158	180,000.00

Expended:

Architectural Services	\$10,826.14	
Construction	116,427.51	
Heating and Ventilating	16,055.99	
Plumbing	9,360.00	
Electric System	8,670.00	
Furnishings	6,293.03	
Inspection	395.23	
Taking land for right of way	100.00	
Advertising	26.50	
Balance to 1927	31,845.60	
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00

WATER DIVISION—Construction

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$35.67
Loan Authorized No. 17300	20,000.00
Loan Authorized No. 17557	10,000.00

Expended:

Pay Rolls	\$12,486.99	
Bills paid and transfer bills	17,492.30	
Balance to 1927	56.38	
	\$30,035.67	\$30,035.67

Pay Roll Tailings

Receipts:

Balance from 1925	\$611.62
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Expended:

Refunded	\$.70	
Balance to 1927	610.92	
	\$611.62	\$611.62

PREMIUM FUNDS**Sewer Loan**

Balance from 1925	\$138.00
Cash received 1926	52.65

Payments:

Transfer to Budget 1926	\$138.00	
Balance to 1927	52.65	
	\$190.65	\$190.65

Surface Drainage Loan

Balance from 1925	\$92.00
Cash received 1926	52.65

Payments:

Transfer to Budget 1926	\$92.00	
Balance to 1927	52.65	
	\$144.65	\$144.65

Water Loan

Balance from 1925		\$276.00
Cash received 1926		70.20
Payments:		
Transfer to Budget 1926	\$276.00	
Balance to 1927	70.20	
	\$346.20	\$346.20

Temporary Loan

Balance from 1925		\$48.98
Cash received 1926		7.00
Balance to 1927	\$55.98	
	\$55.98	\$55.98

Municipal Loan

Balance from 1925		\$138.00
Cash received 1926		105.15
Payments:		
Transfer to Budget 1926	\$134.00	
Balance to 1927	109.15	
	\$243.15	\$243.15

School Loan

Cash received 1926		\$493.20
Balance to 1927	\$493.20	
	\$493.20	\$493.20

Auditorium Loan

Balance from 1925		\$312.80
Transfer to Budget 1926	\$312.80	
	\$312.80	\$312.80

City Hall Addition Loan

Balance from 1925		\$487.60
Transfer to Budget 1926	\$487.60	
	\$487.60	\$487.60

City Stable Construction Loan

Cash received 1926		\$159.30
Balance to 1927	\$159.30	
	\$159.30	\$159.30

Reserve Fund for the Payment of Debt

Receipts:		
Balance from 1925		\$4,759.03
Transfer to Budget 1926	\$4,759.03	
	\$4,759.03	\$4,759.03

SINKING FUNDS

Received from Sinking Fund Commissioners		\$50,000.00
Charges:		
Sewer Bonds paid	\$50,000.00	
	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

Sewer Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1925		\$145,822.40
Assessments collected		4,528.18
Earnings (Net)		5,471.24
Payments:		
Bonds matured	\$50,000.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	105,281.82	
	\$155,821.82	\$155,821.82

Surface Drainage Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1925		\$75,139.28
Appropriation		1,674.84
Earnings (Net)		3,403.24
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	\$80,217.36	
	\$80,217.36	\$80,217.36

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School Loan Sinking Fund

Balance from 1925		\$56,451.34
Appropriation		2,592.56
Earnings (Net)		2,557.29
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	\$61,601.19	
	\$61,601.19	\$61,601.19

Cemetery (Perpetual Care) Fund

Balance from 1925		\$100,511.05
Received for care of lots and single graves		5,594.00
Balance to 1927	\$106,105.05	
	\$106,105.05	\$106,105.05

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY

Fire Department:

Buildings and land	\$26,625.00	
Equipment and personal property	56,841.75	
Fire alarm system	20,652.00	\$104,118.75

Police Department:

Equipment and personal property	\$10,513.25	
Police signal system	7,975.25	\$18,488.50

Health Department:

Personal property	\$100.00	\$100.00

Public Library:

Buildings and land	\$40,600.00	
Books and fixtures	59,200.00	\$99,800.00

Park Department:

Land and buildings	\$103,250.00	
Equipment, etc.	6,000.00	\$109,250.00

School Department:

Buildings and land	\$1,186,429.00	
Furnishings	86,000.00	
Playgrounds	2,500.00	\$1,274,929.00

Department of Weights and Measures:

Equipment and fixtures	\$1,496.64	\$1,496.64
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Cemetery Department:

Buildings and land	\$36,100.00	
Equipment	989.40	
Water system	900.00	\$37,989.40

Auditorium and Memorial Building:

Land and Buildings	\$117,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	75,000.00	\$192,000.00

Board of Appeal:

Equipment and personal property	\$100.00	\$100.00
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Public Works Department:

City Hall, building and land	\$175,702.75	
Furniture and fixtures	17,255.13	\$192,957.88

Highway Division:

Buildings and land	\$49,673.57	
Crusher plant	4,800.00	
Equipment	48,170.63	\$102,644.20

Sewerage System:

Cost of construction to Dec. 31		
1925	\$648,585.82	
Additions to construction 1926 ..	41,265.22	\$689,851.04

Surface Drainage System:

Cost of construction to Dec. 31		
1925	\$317,923.11	
Additions to construction 1926...	21,140.42	\$339,063.53

Water System:

Cost of construction to Dec. 31		
1925	\$639,109.60	
Additions to construction 1926 ..	29,979.29	\$669,088.89

Report of City Clerk

To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen.
Gentlemen:

The undersigned has the honor of presenting the twenty-seventh annual report of the City Clerk's office for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

RECEIPTS OF THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY MONTHS

January	\$116.72	
February	103.55	
March	101.45	
April	259.75	
May	363.26	
June	195.25	
July	240.50	
August	124.87	
September	128.00	
October	121.50	
November	97.25	
December	71.77	\$1,923.87
Amount deposited with City Treasurer		\$1,923.87

DIVISION OF RECEIPTS

Gasoline Renewals	\$201.00	
Garage Licenses	526.00	
Licenses	547.00	
Marriages	196.00	
Mortgages	243.02	
Miscellaneous	210.85	\$1,923.87

DOG LICENSES

From December 1, 1925 to December 1, 1926

1021 Licenses		\$2,456.00
Paid County Treasurer June 1,		
1926	\$1,347.60	
Paid County Treasurer Dec. 1,		
1926	904.20	\$2,251.80
Paid City Clerk fees on 1021 licenses @ 20c	204.20	\$2,456.00

CITY OF MELROSE

SPORTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Sporting Licenses	245	@	2.25	...	\$551.25	
Non-Res. Sporting License	1	@	5.25	...	5.25	
Trapping License	1	@	2.25	...	2.25	
Minor's Trapping License	2	@	.75	...	1.50	
Duplicates	2	@	.50	...	1.00	\$561.25

Amount paid Fish and Game

Commission \$499.00

Amount paid City Clerk, fees

249 @ 25c 62.25 \$561.25

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR C. KIRMES,
City Clerk.

Report of City Collector

To his Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Collecting Department for the year 1926:

Tax—1922	\$ 25.00	
1923	1,523.91	
1924	29,961.75	
1925	278,488.92	
1926	657,394.68	
		\$967,394.26
Water—1923	35.62	
1924	81.38	
1925	11,170.88	
1926	53,669.22	
1927	18.00	
Summons	111.60	
		65,086.70
Sewer	6,468.04	
Sewer Interest	1,117.88	
		7,585.92
Sidewalk	10,038.54	
Sidewalk Interest	1,678.25	
		11,716.79
Betterment	4,109.92	
Betterment Interest	798.09	
		4,908.01
Collector's Receipts		1,216.61
General Interest—1922	11.18	
1923	341.55	
1924	3,054.74	
1925	10,549.63	
1926	714.21	
		14,671.31
Redemptions—Tax	3,416.20	
Street Sprinkling	80.79	
Sewer	18.98	
Sidewalk	96.78	
Betterment	58.46	
Interest	1,249.68	
		4,920.89
		\$1,077,500.49

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM A. CARRIE,
City Collector.

Report of City Treasurer

To the Honorable
The Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
Gentlemen:

I beg to hand you herewith my report of the operations
of the Treasury Department for the year 1926.

Yours respectfully,

S. HOMER BUTTRICK,
City Treasurer.

CASH STATEMENT FOR 1926

Cash in Bank and Office Jan. 1, 1926	\$ 256,704.32
Receipts Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1926	2,357,999.02
	\$2,614,703.34
Payments Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1926	2,524,349.05
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office Dec. 31, 1926 ..	90,354.29

For details see Report of City Auditor.

S. HOMER BUTTRICK,
City Treasurer.

CASH RECEIPTS FOR 1926

Showing the different Sources of the City Revenue
and the amount received from each

Tax Taking	3,623.02
Sale of City Property	1,000.00
Taxes 1922	25.00
" 1923	1,523.91
" 1924	29,961.75
" 1925	278,488.92
" 1926	657,396.68
Bank and Corporation Tax	20,784.09
Street Railway Tax	1,137.04
Income Tax	88,159.70
Licenses, All Other	1,542.50
Permits, Marriage	182.00
" All Other	68.00
Fines and Forfeits, Court Fines	1,175.00
Grants and Gifts, Dog Tax	2,054.62
Special Assessments, Street Sprinkling	6.05
" " Moth Extermination	13.57
" " Sewer	6,474.50
" " Sidewalks and Curbings.....	10,038.54
Betterments Goss Ave	9.97
" Warwick Road	429.27
" Spear St.	39.15
" Corey St.	132.80
" Hancock St.	85.07
" Church St.	8.28
" Mountain Ave.	28.87
" E. Emerson St.	30.57
" Garfield Road	24.70
" First St.	20.18
" Harold St.	9.98
" Lynde Ave.	12.74
" Stevens Road	83.83
" Hopkins St.	55.19
" Argyle St.	7.02
" Natalie Ave.	169.83
" Folsom Ave.	96.39
" Lincoln St.	104.45
" Garden St.	28.69
" Geneva Road	5.10
" Sears Ave.	448.20
" Orient Place	62.64
" Orient Park	85.68

" Waverley Place	297.44
" Sanford St.	79.38
" Rogers St.	574.18
" Heyward Ave.	27.35
" E. Foster St.	1,152.97
Aldermen, Other Expenses	9.00
Treasurer, Other Expenses	111.77
Collectors Receipts	1,216.61
City Clerks Receipts	615.87
Public Works Receipts	142.52
Automotive Equipment	451.60
Stables Account	145.00
Engineering, Salaries and Wages	296.67
" Other Expenses	98.56
City Hall Receipts	197.00
Auditorium Building Receipts	3,131.38
Police Receipts	35.10
Fire Department Receipts	39.08
Sealer of Weights and Measures Receipts	113.92
Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth Extermination.....	36.00
Forestry, Care of Trees	77.45
" Planting Trees	190.00
Inspection Building Receipts	1,437.50
Health, Collection of Garbage	340.38
" Receipts	367.43
Sanitation Sewer Construction Receipts	66.79
" Sewers Private Receipts	17,528.35
" East Side Sewer	401.80
" Collection of Ashes	5.76
Highways, Street Lighting	270.00
" Repairing	3,887.82
" Sidewalks, Continuous	2.00
" " Individual Walks	5,976.00
" Snow Removal and Sanding	19.48
Charity Receipts	2,161.13
Soldiers Benefits, Soldiers Burial	120.00
" " Soldiers Relief	105.40
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	6,603.37
Schools Receipts	4,318.37
Parks "	258.55
" Salary and Wages	43.00
" Other Expenses	32.00
Unclassified Insurance	345.14
Water Income	65,086.70
Water Maintenance	216.39

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Water Inside Service	10,488.44
Cemetery Receipts	9,380.85
Cemeteries Interest received on Trust Funds....	3,892.62
Interest Receipts	26,258.49
Temporary Loans	700,000.00
Permanent Loans	53,000.00
Surface Drainage Bonds	15,000.00
School House Bonds	180,000.00
Sewer Bonds	15,000.00
Water Bonds	30,000.00
City Stables	30,000.00
Sewer Loan P, Premium Fund	52.65
Water Loan " "	70.20
Surface Drainage Loan, Premium Fund	52.65
School House Loan " "	493.20
Permanent Loan, Sidewalk " "	52.65
" " Highway " "	52.50
Temporary Loan " "	7.00
City Stables " "	159.30
Sewer Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners	50,000.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	5,594.00
E. Toothaker Fund	63.12
Pay Roll Tailings and Unclaimed Amounts	.70
Ambulance Fund	30.00
Guaranty Deposit	2,499.00
Levi S. Gould, School Medal Fund	42.50
A. C. Marie Currier Fund	1,132.07
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund	9.25
Community Civics Fund Receipts	2.13
J. C. F. Slayton Organ Fund	400.00

 \$2,357,999.02

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND DECEMBER 31, 1926

Security		No.	Dated	Due	Rate	Amount
Surface Drainage Bond		234	Sept. 1, 1917	Sept. 1, 1927	4%	\$ 500.00
Surface Drainage Bond		243	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	500.00
Surface Drainage Bond		244	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	500.00
Surface Drainage Bond		277	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Surface Drainage Bond		278	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Surface Drainage Bond		279	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Surface Drainage Bond		280	Aug. 1, 1920	Aug. 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		568	July 1, 1924	July 1, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		569	July 1, 1924	July 1, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		651	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		652	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		653	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		654	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		655	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		656	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1932	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		657	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1933	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		658	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1934	4%	1,000.00
Sewer Bond		659	May 1, 1925	May 1, 1935	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond		699	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		700	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		701	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		702	July 1, 1923	July 1, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		709	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		710	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		711	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond		712	Sept. 1, 1923	Sept. 1, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B15	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B16	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B17	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B18	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B19	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B20	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B21	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B22	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B23	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1931	4%	1,000.00
Water Bond	Reg.	B24	Sept. 20, 1926	Sept. 20, 1931	4%	1,000.00
Memorial Bldg. Bond		36	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
Memorial Bldg. Bond		37	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
Memorial Bldg. Bond		38	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
Memorial Bldg. Bond		39	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
Memorial Bldg. Bond		40	Aug. 1, 1925	Aug. 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		13	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1927	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note		14	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1928	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note		15	Nov. 25, 1914	Nov. 25, 1929	4%	2,000.00
City of Melrose Note		145	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1927	4 1/2 %	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		146	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1928	4 1/2 %	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		147	Mar. 6, 1921	Mar. 6, 1929	4 1/2 %	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		228	Nov. 29, 1922	Nov. 29, 1927	4%	500.00
City of Melrose Note		233	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1927	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		239	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1928	4 1/4 %	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		240	Dec. 18, 1923	Jan. 12, 1929	4 1/4 %	500.00
City of Melrose Note		243	Feb. 7, 1924	Feb. 7, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		245	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1927	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note		246	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1928	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note		247	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1929	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note		248	June 1, 1925	June 1, 1930	4%	1,500.00
City of Melrose Note		250	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		251	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		254	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		255	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		256	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		257	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		258	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		259	June 9, 1925	June 9, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		290	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note		291	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00

Security	No.	Dated	Due	Rate	Amount
City of Melrose Note	292	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	293	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	294	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	295	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	296	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	297	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	298	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	299	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	300	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	301	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1930	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	302	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	303	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	304	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1931	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	305	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1932	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	306	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1932	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	307	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1932	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	308	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1933	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	309	June 1, 1926	June 1, 1933	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	317	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	318	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	319	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	320	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	321	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	322	Dec. 2, 1926	Dec. 2, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	323	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1927	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	324	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1928	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	325	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1929	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	326	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1930	4%	1,000.00
City of Melrose Note	327	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1931	4%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bond	1349795	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4¼%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bond	61348	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4¼%	1,000.00
3rd Liberty Bond	1588204	May 9, 1918	Sept. 15, 1928	4¼%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bond	J00119259	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4¼%	1,000.00
4th Liberty Bond	K00011960	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4¼%	500.00
4th Liberty Bond	A00011961	Oct. 24, 1918	Oct. 15, 1938	4¼%	500.00
Total,					\$102,500.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Amount in Fund December 31, 1925....	\$100,511.05
Amount added to Fund in 1926	5,594.00
Gain in sale of Liberty Bonds	122.71
	\$106,227.76
Securities in Fund December 31, 1926..	\$102,500.00
Cemetery Trust Fund Investment Account balance awaiting investment	3,727.76
	\$106,227.76

FUNDS HELD IN TREASURY DEPARTMENT

E. Toothaker Fund	(Receipts for 1926)	63.12
Ambulance Fund	"	30.00
Levi S. Gould School Medal Fund....	"	42.50
A. C. Marie Currier Fund	"	1,132.07
Sarah E. Fitch Fund	"	32.95
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund	"	9.25
100th Anniversary TOWN OF MELROSE Fund	"	2.63
Community Civics Fund	"	2.13
J. C. F. Slayton Organ Fund	"	400.00

BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF MELROSE OUTSTANDING DEC. 31, 1926

and amounts maturing each year until paid

YEAR	Permanent Loans	Surface Drainage	School House	Sewer	Water	Memorial Bldg.	City Hall Add.	City Stables	Totals
1927	\$38,500	\$13,500	\$31,000	\$16,500	\$29,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$138,500
1928	31,000	12,500	31,000	15,500	29,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	129,000
1929	29,500	12,000	108,000	14,500	25,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	199,000
1930	22,000	10,500	30,000	13,500	17,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	103,000
1931	9,000	8,500	30,000	13,500	11,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	82,000
1932	4,000	105,000	30,000	12,500	2,000	2,000	3,000	2,000	160,500
1933	3,000	3,000	30,000	10,500		2,000	3,000	2,000	53,500
1934	3,000	3,000	29,500	9,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	51,500
1935	3,000	2,500	28,500	17,500		2,000	3,000	2,000	58,500
1936		1,000	28,500	6,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	42,500
1937		1,000	28,500	26,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	62,500
1938		1,000	28,500	16,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	52,500
1939		1,000	28,500	16,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	52,500
1940		1,000	28,500	14,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	50,500
1941		1,000	28,500	13,000		2,000	3,000	2,000	49,500
1942			16,500	12,000		2,000	3,000		33,500
1943			6,500	2,000			2,000		10,500
1944			3,000	2,000					5,000
	\$143,000	\$176,500	\$545,000	\$230,000	\$113,000	\$47,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$1,334,500

To be paid
from Sinking
Fund

\$258,000

To be paid
from Taxes

\$100,000	\$78,000	\$80,000							\$258,000
76,500	467,000	150,000	113,000	47,000	50,000	30,000			1,076,500
\$143,000	\$176,000	\$545,000	\$230,000	\$113,000	\$47,000	\$50,000	\$30,000		\$1,334,500

Report of Fire Department

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I respectfully submit the following Annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year of 1926.

Organization

The Department consists of four companies and is as follows: Engine Co. No. 1, Engine Co. No. 2, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, and Hose Co. No. 4.

Personal

The permanent force consists of one Chief Engineer, three Captains, two Lieutenants, Master mechanic and sixteen Privates.

The Call force consists of one Deputy Chief, two Lieutenants, and eleven Privates.

The department has been very fortunate this last year as only minor accidents have occurred.

Equipment

One Chief's Auto, two Auto Pumping Engines with equipment, one Auto Hook and Ladder Truck with equipment, one horse-drawn pump, two Combination Hose and Chemical Autos with equipment, and 18 Chemical Extinguishers, and other appliances for fire and life saving work.

Hose

Number of feet of good hose	8,600
Number of feet of poor hose	400

1100 feet of new hose was purchased in 1926, I shall ask for the purchase of 1,000 feet of new hose in 1927.

All hose has been tested up to 150 pounds pressure.

Fires

Total number of alarms answered during year	315
Bell Alarms	106
Still Alarms	209
Alarms answered in Wakefield	2

Insurance on Buildings

Number of buildings damaged	34
Value of buildings damaged	\$385,600.00
Loss on buildings	24,515.14
Insurance on buildings	336,200.00
Insurance paid	22,315.14

Insurance on Contents

Value of contents	\$42,500.00
Loss on contents	9,118.90
Insurance on contents	33,800.00
Insurance paid on contents	6,943.90

Department Work

Emergency calls with H. & H. Inhalator	2
To open doors for persons locked out	3
To remove cats from trees	4
Otherwise	7

Hose and Ladders Used

Number of feet of hose laid	21,750
Number of feet of ladders raised	2,557
Number of gallons of Chemical used.....	1,298 Gals.
Number of covers used	19
Total Mileage	434.1 Miles
Total hours of actual fire service	171 Hours

Inspections

Number of inspections of cellars, back yards, stores....	3,000
Number of hydrants inspected	2,000

I have recommended in my previous report that a sprinkler system should be installed in our School buildings. This system should be installed in the stairways and corridors of every building.

I will call your attention again to the fire alarm system. With the bell system alone, it is inadequate for the best service for us. If we are to maintain a Call force and the Two-platoon System, we should have a whistle, and I urge that one be added to the system, as soon as possible.

The Fire Alarm system has been connected with the Wakefield system for the use of mutual aid between the two Towns, and I believe that the aid received in this manner will greatly increase the efficiency of both communities.

I have recommended that more of the business district of the City be placed in the Fire District and it is before the City Government now for action.

I recommend that the Fire Department have a separate telephone system connecting all three stations which would relieve half of the expense that it is costing now. The cost of this system would be about \$800.00 to install.

There should be a number of hydrants placed in new locations this year.

I am calling your attention again to the Fire Station at Melrose Highlands. It seems to me that something should be done toward a new station there as soon as possible.

The personal property is in good condition and is valued at \$56,841.75.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. NEWMAN

Chief of Fire Department.

Report of Inspector of Buildings

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

I, herewith, submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Permits Granted	Value
175 Single Houses	\$1,244,400
12 Two-family Houses	118,700
216 Garages	114,740
1 Bank	100,000
1 School	190,000
1 Chapel	5,000
2 Stores	23,500
11 Other Buildings	11,425
105 Alterations	117,920

524

\$1,925,685

Collected for Permits Granted \$1,437.50

Collected for Garage licenses 485.00

\$1,922.50

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS MACDONALD,
Inspector of Buildings.

Report of Law Department

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year 1926. There were seven cases pending in court at the beginning of the year, of which one has been settled, and the other six are still pending.

The case of Adelle M. Comeau for damages claimed on account of alleged defect in the highway was settled by the payment of a lump sum of one hundred dollars, it appearing that the city had no witnesses of the alleged accident, and therefore there was an element of danger because the evidence would depend entirely upon that produced by the claimant.

Two actions of tort, growing out of the same action, brought by Frank W. Prescott and Isabelle Prescott, respectively, for personal injuries alleged to be due to a tree on Grove Street standing partly in the highway, are still pending. These cases were tried before a jury last June, with the result that the jury disagreed, but I have been informed that all but one juror voted for the defendant.

The bill in equity brought by George F. Barnes, asking for an injunction, compelling the city to remove certain water pipes laid through a private way, and claiming damages, is still pending.

The petition brought by Cora M. Pond for abatement of sewer assessment is still pending.

The case of George A. Lyle for services under alleged contract in regard to auditing and installing new book-keeping system, in which case the city denies that any legal contract was made, is still pending.

Two cases have been brought against the city during the year, and each are now pending.

The case of Mary A. Fitzpatrick against the city is for damage alleged to be due to negligence of the city in allowing unprotected hole in the edge of the sidewalk, in which the plaintiff claims to have caught her heel, the hole in the sidewalk being for a flag pole.

The other case brought during the year is a case of New England Foundation Company against Casey & Darcy, and City of Melrose, as Trustee. This case is an outgrowth from the contract for the construction of the addition to Memorial Hall. The New England Foundation Company being sub-contractor of Casey & Darcy, the main contractor, the bill being for construction of

cement piers which the city claims were not properly constructed. Although this case is against Casey & Darcy, it really is a case for the city to defend, because if the plaintiff in that case recovers against Casey & Darcy, then Casey & Darcy should recover from the city, because the sub-contract, so far as these piers are concerned, is the same as the main contract on that point. The city has been cited in by Casey & Darcy to defend the action.

A large number of opinions on various questions have been rendered to various departments of the city, and numerous orders, contracts, deeds, etc., have been drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR STORER,
City Solicitor.

Report of License Commission

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The License Commission respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

During the year two hundred and forty-one (241) garage and gasoline permits were issued at a total return to the city of five hundred twenty-six (526.00) dollars, divided as follows:

8 large tanks @ \$5.00
1 120 gallon tank @ \$1.00
7 garages for 3 or more cars @ \$5.00
97 garages for 2 cars @ \$2.00
128 garages for 1 car @ \$2.00

241

Of this number fifteen (15), including large tanks and three or more car garages, were granted by the Board of Aldermen after a hearing was held, in accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance.

Renewal of gasoline permits were paid to the amount of two hundred and one (201.00) dollars.

All of these garages were inspected by the Building Inspector and the Chief of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. NEWMAN, Fire Chief.

ANGUS MACDONALD, Bldg. Insp.

VICTOR C. KIRMES, Clerk.

License Commission.

Report of Board of Public Welfare

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

PARTIAL SUPPORT

Individuals Aided	259
Adults	106
Children	143
Having Settlement in Melrose	221
Having Settlement elsewhere in State	12
Having no known settlement	26
Families aided	86
Having settlement in Melrose	78
Having settlement elsewhere in State	2
Having no known settlement	2

FULL SUPPORT

Support in private families	3
Children boarded by the State	9
Children boarded in other Cities	4
At Massachusetts Hospital School	1
Supported at Malden City Home	2
Supported at State Infirmary	6
Cases discharged	6
Deaths	4

APPROPRIATIONS

General Administration	\$1,350.00
Outside Relief by City	5,000.00
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	6,000.00
Mothers' Aid	5,500.00
Maintenance in Hospitals	1,200.00
Other Expenses	150.00
Order No. 17600 Extra	50.00
Total	\$19,250.00

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$1,350.00
Salaries of the Board	\$1,300.00
Clerical Services	28.75
Balance	21.25
	\$1,350.00
	\$1,350.00

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY CITY

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Expended	\$4,832.35	
Balance	167.65	
	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Relief by Other Cities and Towns

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Balance from 1925		802.35
Expended	\$6,718.85	
Balance	83.50	
	\$6,802.35	\$6,802.35

MOTHERS' AID

Appropriation		\$5,500.00
Overdraft 1925	\$ 68.50	
Expended	4,548.90	
Balance	882.60	
	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

MAINTENANCE IN HOSPITALS

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Expended	755.99	
Balance	444.01	
	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$150.00
Order No. 17600 additional		50.00
Expended	\$177.04	
Balance	22.96	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

TEMPORARY AID

Since it is now impossible, according to a Court decision rendered in the case of Brookfield vs. Holden in 1924 for a mar-

ried woman to lose her settlement while living with her husband, although he loses, all cities and towns as well as the State are agreed that there should be a change in the present settlement law. It is desired that all persons under coverture shall lose settlement when the person on whom they are dependent for settlement loses his. It is anticipated that an amendment will be enacted at the next session of the Legislature covering this phase of the subject. As matters stand at present many persons who were regarded as having no settlement and were aided as State cases have had their former settlement revived and it is somewhat of a question as to whom to look to for reimbursement.

The Overseers are confronted this year with the question of caring for the chronic sick who have a legal settlement in Melrose. These are cases which will need constant care the remainder of their lives. Some are bed cases, totally helpless; others confined to wheel chairs can partially help themselves. Heretofore, by permission of the State Department of Public Welfare these cases have been cared for at the State Institutions at Tewksbury, but this can no longer be done, as the Institutions are now adequate for only that class of persons who have no settlement in the commonwealth, and for whom, under the present law, the State Department must make provision.

Being fully cognizant of these conditions the Overseers were not surprised when informed by the Director of Aid and Relief of the State Department of Public Welfare that in the future Melrose would have to care for her own chronic cases, of which there are at the present time approximately five.

We have had, under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, Acts of 1913, an Act to provide for suitably aiding mothers with dependent children under 14 years of age, 7 cases of Mothers' Aid.

These cases have been quite an item, but we think the results justify the expenditures. After 12 years trial of this law we are justified in the opinion that in all cases it is a genuine help and prevents a great deal of suffering and hardship. We are constantly in touch with these families we are aiding as the law required that each family be visited as often as four times a year.

There are two applications pending at the present time.

Mothers' Aid recipients are aided entirely on a cash basis, as these mothers are found to be thoroughly capable of handling money efficiently.

In Mothers' Aid cases the State reimburses in full when there is no settlement and one-third in settled cases. The place of settlement reimburses to the extent of two-thirds in all Mothers' Aid cases.

RECEIPTS

Reimbursements from Individuals	\$245.00	
Reimbursements from the Commonwealth	1,644.47	
Reimbursements from Other Cities & Towns	271.66	\$2,161.13

ELEANOR BROWN TOOTHAKER FUND

Balance from 1925	\$1,578.01	
Interest on Fund 1926	63.12	\$1,641.13
Expended	370.61	
Balance to 1927	1,270.52	\$1,641.13

COMMUNITY CIVICS, MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 1918

Balance from 1925		15.61
Interest on Liberty Bonds		2.13
Balance to 1927	\$17.74	\$17.74

A. C. MARIE D. CURRIER FUND

Balance from 1925		\$2,559.44
Received from Trustees		1,132.07
Expended	\$1,713.41	
Balance to 1927	1,978.10	
	\$3,691.51	\$3,691.51

The clothing for the worthy poor given from the A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund, consisted of the following:

269 pairs boots	12 sets underwear
71 pairs rubbers	2 blouses
72 pairs hose	1 pair pants
36 pairs gloves	2 sets pajamas

At Christmas 1926, 114 dinners were given to families and 6 baskets of fruit to invalids.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Salary of Board	Salary of Clerk	Total
January	\$100.00		\$100.00
February	100.00		100.00
March	125.00		125.00
April	100.00		100.00
May	100.00		100.00
June	125.00		125.00
July	100.00	\$28.75	128.75
August	100.00		100.00
September	100.00		100.00
October	100.00		100.00
November	100.00		100.00
December	125.00		125.00
Total			1,328.75
Appropriated			\$1,350.00
Expended			1,328.75
Balance			\$ 21.25

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY CITY

	Cash	Food	Fuel	Rent	Board	Medicine	Burial	Cemetery	Total
January	\$220.00	\$15.67	\$23.95	\$70.00	62.00	\$2.55			\$394.17
February	236.00	19.87	.92	70.00	56.00	3.30	\$75.00	\$12.00	473.09
March	285.00	34.76	56.95	70.00	62.00	12.35			521.06
April	321.00	29.55		50.00	60.00	1.00			461.55
May	240.00	12.49		90.00	62.00	.65			405.14
June	262.00	14.39		75.00	60.00	4.70			416.09
July	250.00	3.08		50.00	62.00	10.35			375.43
August	209.00	12.80	1.00	75.00	62.00	11.75			371.55
September	181.00	8.63		75.00	60.00				324.63
October	197.00	24.31		50.00	62.00				333.31
November	184.00	20.03		50.00	62.00	.50			316.53
December	202.00	53.61	69.70	50.00	62.00	2.49			439.80
Totals	\$2,787.00	\$249.19	\$152.52	\$775.00	732.00	49.64	75.00	12.00	4,832.35

MAINTENANCE IN HOSPITALS

January	\$150.43
February	114.10
March	135.30
April	13.00
May	
June	
July	112.95
August	41.00
September	93.21
October	
November	
December	96.00
Total	\$755.99

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Expended	755.99
Balance	\$ 444.01

MOTHERS' AID

	Cash	Food	Fuel	Medicine	Rent	Burial	Hospital	Total
January	\$352.00							\$352.00
February	352.00							352.00
March	352.00						.90	352.90
April	432.00							432.00
May	360.00							360.00
June	352.00			2.50				354.50
July	440.00							440.00
August	352.00							352.00
September	364.00							364.00
October	428.00			2.00			7.00	437.00
November	352.00			2.50				354.50
December	398.00							398.00
Total	\$4,534.00			7.00			7.90	\$4,548.90

Appropriation \$5,500.00

Expended 4,548.90

Balance \$ 951.10

OTHER EXPENSES

	Tele- phone	Envel- opes and Postage	Equip- ment	Trans- porta- tion	Annual Reports	Type Writing	Total
Jan.	\$6.25					\$3.50	\$9.75
Feb.	6.20			\$1.00			7.20
Mar.	6.15		1.47				7.62
Apr.	6.35		18.50				24.85
May	6.37		5.00				11.37
June	7.00		.87		16.20		24.07
July	8.60		10.00				18.60
Aug.	6.50	2.50	12.00		2.00		23.00
Sept.	6.10		8.00	1.50			15.60
Oct.	8.63						8.63
Nov.	6.15			6.00			12.15
Dec.	6.15		8.05				14.20
Total	80.45	2.50	63.89	8.50	18.20	3.50	177.04

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended 177.04

Balance 22.96

RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

Months	Board of Children	Board in Institutions	Mass. Hospital School	Board in Hospitals	Cash	Food	Fuel	Burial	Clothing	Malden City Home	Boarded Elsewhere	Physician and Medicine	Total
Jan.	20.00		97.71	82.35	25.00	14.00		13.50					252.56
Feb.	25.00				10.00	28.68		8.46					72.14
Mar.	325.86		18.86								53.00		397.72
Apr.	20.00	462.29		250.97									733.26
May	18.39												18.39
June	473.84												473.84
July	7.50	498.00			35.00	21.00							561.50
Aug.	12.50				10.00	129.27	12.75						164.52
Sept.	1,018.26			78.22	168.00	107.16	29.50		30.45			103.74	1,535.33
Oct.	286.21	626.00		36.22			6.50					82.48	1,037.41
Nov.	3.93												3.93
Dec.	674.00			161.00	140.50	16.00	7.00			452.00		17.75	1,468.25
Totals	2,885.49	1,586.29	116.57	608.76	388.50	316.11	55.75	21.96	30.45	452.00	53.00	203.97	6,718.85

We would express our appreciation for the work and service rendered by the City Physician in co-operation with this Board. The Melrose Hospital has also rendered valuable service to our outside poor during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ADALINE G. REED, Chairman

GERTRUDE F. PROVANDIE

THOMAS F. TROY

Overseers of the Board of Public Welfare

Report of the Park Commissioners

To his Honor, the Mayor, and Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 45, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we herewith submit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Park Commission, the same being for the year, 1926.

PARKS

Under the control and management of the Park Commission of the city of Melrose, are the following named Parks; Horace Mann Park, at Grove and Myrtle Streets; Ell Pond Park, on Main Street, Parkway and Crystal Street; Sewalls Wood Park, on Sewalls Wood Road; Boylen Park, at the junction of Franklin and Green Streets; and Bowden Park, on West Emerson Street, between Cedar Park and Vinton Street.

Bowden Park is now a finished product of the Park Department; developing beyond all expectations in beauty. It now stands as one of the real beauty spots of our Park system. Much time has been spent this past year in keeping Bowden Park in condition, and we find that it requires the services of an expert gardener most of the time during the open season.

Horace Mann Park, requires a great deal of attention on account of foot traffic passing to and from Wyoming station and the coming and going of parishoners of the St. Mary's Chruch. Co-operating with Rev. Father Glynn, the Park Department with its limited means has improved this particular section of the city.

Ell Pond Reservation, is still the source of serious consideration. The developement of this area as a connecting link in our Park System is problematical. Ell Pond with its beautiful shore line is one of nature's rare gifts. The citizens through the Park Department should not let time go by without making some permanent improvement of this natural area.

Sewalls Wood Park, is a deed of gift, that owing to the nature of the gift, and other matters that enter into the case, do not allow for any improvement of the same, and the Park Commission has in the past tried to keep this area in proper condition in regard to trimming the trees and keeping the place clear of rubbish and in a presentable condition.

PLAYGROUNDS

Under the control and management of the Park Commission are the following Playgrounds; namely Messenger's Meadow, Mel-

rose Common, Lincoln School, and the new Playground in the rear of the Ripley School, known as the Ripley Playground.

The Ripley School Playground has been organized and partially equipped for the past two years and has proven to be a great success to that section of the city which it serves, judging from the amount of favorable comments that we constantly hear.

Playground workers during the past season were as follows:

Miss Martha Rand in general charge of Playground work.

Mr. George E. Manser, Jr., in charge of the older boys.

Miss Dorothy Colbert in charge at Messenger's Meadow.

Miss Mildred Sanford in charge at the Common.

Miss Mary Nevins in charge at Lincoln School Playground.

Miss Marion Bourne in charge at the Ripley Playground.

The Playground season opened on July 1st with the four playgrounds mentioned above in operation.

In spite of the fact that the summer of 1926 was a rainy summer, we feel that the playgrounds had a very successful season. A pet show was held on each of the playgrounds and a great variety of pets were placed on display for the judges to pick the winners from. The judges awarded first, second and third prizes and a white ribbon to each of the contestants.

The usual inter-playground tournaments were held, and in spite of the fact that the games had to be postponed several times due to the weather, they were finally run off. The difficulty of last year in regard to the question of transportation of the children from one playground to another, was removed by the Supervisor and others offering to take the children to the various playgrounds.

At the end of July, a Demonstration Day was held at Messenger's Meadow. The School Barge was hired on this occasion not only for the transportation of the children but also for the purpose of parading the streets in the forenoon and informing the people in regard to the Demonstration and inviting them to come to the Playground. From the standpoint of the children the day was a huge success. The finals of the tournaments were held. Another new feature was the city wide Pet Show, which was held on the same day as the demonstration Day Program, the entrees for this show being the winners of the various playground shows held previously. There were circle games for the tiny children, races for those of medium age, and dodge ball for the older children. The boys held a Baseball Game. The children were then returned to their own Playgrounds again in the Barge.

At the Common a Doll Carriage Parade was held, the winners receiving the blue, red and white ribbons attached to huge peanuts with a tiny doll inside.

As an entirely new feature, a lantern parade was held this summer, the children making their own lanterns from material furnished by the Park Commission, and on the night of the Parade they gathered at their own playgrounds and were transported to the Lincoln School Playgrounds where the Parade started. After the lanterns were lit, over 125 children marched up Wyoming Avenue down Main Street to Crystal Street and along the Boulevard to the Knoll where they were disbanded and again transported to their own playgrounds.

This year the system of Athletic Badges sponsored by the National Playground Association was started. There are three of these tests and they give the boys and girls something to work for for a number of years. Over seventy-five passed at least one test this year, in spite of the fact that this is the first year that the Melrose Playgrounds have tried out the system. At the end of the season prizes were given to the boys and girls who had made the most points during the entire summer. The prizes consisted of any article that they desired up to the sum of five dollars. The points are given for any special activities entered into and for helping the instructors at the playgrounds. The interest of the children in this feature is shown by the fact that there were absolutely no ties for the prizes.

In the handcraft this year an effort was made to have more and less expensive articles made by the children. The lanterns made for the Parade were, as mentioned before furnished to the children by the Park Commission, the children simply making the lantern, paper flowers, crocheted hats and at the Lincoln Playground oil cloth belts were also made. The materials for the baskets were sold this year to the children at less than cost in order to encourage them to participate in the instruction of making themselves useful and also to teach them the benefits to be derived from what is known as Play-work. At the end of the season all baskets made were placed on display in the windows of Brock Bros., and some very beautiful baskets and trays were made, although an occasional boy made a basket it is really not a boys' activity and it is hoped that next season on the playgrounds there will be more real handcraft for the boys along the lines of making useful articles from concrete and cement and wood.

At the end of the season, an Inter-playground Track meet was held on the Athletic Field, at which both boys and girls competed. A large number of children attended and also quite a large number of adults. The meet was a very close issue and it was not until the last event was run and the points checked up, before it was deter-

mined that the Lincoln School Playground had won, with the other playgrounds finishing in the following order, Ripley, Common and last Messenger's Meadow.

The Athletic Instructor was employed during the summer months while the playgrounds were opened and his principal duty being the teaching of the older boys baseball and games more suited to older boys.

A Baseball league was again formed this season, by the Athletic Instructors and the championship was this year won by the boys from the Lincoln School Playground. The boys on this team were awarded prizes consisting of baseball articles which were purchased from the prize money which was again so generously donated by Mr. Edward Cassel, who presented the Park Commission a check for \$50. for this purpose.

Attendance at the various Playgrounds for the past four seasons:

	1923	1924	1925	1926
Lincoln School Playground	7,835	10,655	10,899	11,044
Melrose Common	10,107	11,498	11,147	11,730
Messengers Meadow	7,357	6,000	5,124	5,474
New Ripley Playground			3,763	4,596
Total attendance for each year	25,299	28,153	30,933	31,844

ELL POND BATHING BEACH

The popularity of the bathing beach still continues. This past season the Park Commissioners inaugurated a new system whereby both girls and boys could have the privilege of the beach during the entire day. This was accomplished by erecting lockers and building a partition through the centre of the present bath-house. Although cramped for space this system of providing for the girls and boys worked out fairly well. We feel however, that the bathers should not be forced to use such poor accommodations, and that the recommendation of the Park Commissioners of last year be carried out with the erection of a Bathhouse fully equipped and adequate for the average attendance. It was necessary to call upon the Police Department for extra police protection during the excessive hot days when the beach was over crowded. This was done to preserve order and to regulate the parking of automobiles.

The outstanding event of the Bathing Season was the Annual New England Open Championship Swimming Races—conducted by the American Athletic Union and sponsored by the local chapter of the American Red Cross. There was a large attendance of spectators not only from Melrose and surrounding cities and towns but from other points in New England.

We wish at this point to thank the Melrose Chapter of the Red Cross and the Massachusetts Humane Society for their co-operation and support during the past season in the teaching of the younger children the art of swimming and also resuscitation.

Attendance at Bathhouse for the past four seasons:

	1923	1924	1925	1926
Ell Pond Bathing Beach	31,597	32,025	39,105	45,679

WINTER SPORTS AND HOCKEY

The regular Winter Program of general skating in the pond and the surfacing of the ice on the Hockey Rink for school and private club games marked Melrose as a leader in Winter Sports. The Park Commissioners sponsored two Hockey Leagues among the boys of school age, and after a very successful season the boys from the Washington School were the winners of the Junior Championship and those of the Livermore School the winners of the Senior Championship. The Park Commissioners wish to make note in this report of the splendid support of Mr. Earl J. McLean, who offered two prizes for the winning or successful Playground Hockey Teams. These prizes were in the form of two silver cups, one cup being presented by the Melrose Free Press and the other by Mr. MacLean personally. Both cups were presented to the winning teams by the donors, with enthusiasm and approval of the youngsters.

Respectfully submitted:

RICHARD J. LORD, Chairman

NEIL S. CASEY

ROY W. BOSWORTH

GEORGE E. MANSEY

JOSEPH R. HEBBLETHWAITE

Melrose Park Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer of Pine Banks Park

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of Pine Bank's Park respectfully submit their annual report for the year 1926.

Cash on hand January 1, 1926	\$678.21
Received from Log Cabin	27.00
Interest from Bank	13.24
City of Malden	2,377.72
City of Melrose	2,377.72
	4,755.44
	5,473.89

Expenditures

Pay Roll	2,948.36
Zoo	284.67
Telephone	28.45
Toilet	445.50
Lumber	29.92
Hardware	145.99
Stable Expense	250.00
Insurance	49.28
Blacksmith	25.75
Electric Expense	347.34
Bulbs	69.58
Sundries	95.00
Cities of Malden and Melrose	35.60
	4,755.44
Cash on hand January 1, 1927	\$718.45

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. SERRAT,
Treasurer.

Report of Planning Board

To The Honorable, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

The Planning Board, in accordance with the statute under which it was created, presents herewith its 13th annual report for the year ending December 1926. Ten meetings have been held with an average attendance of six members.

Building Lines

The future of the city is the problem of the planning board whether it be street widening, traffic, housing development, or location of school buildings.

Studying the city as a whole with the mass of data and special information made available for planning boards from state sources it is possible to see some of the mistakes of the past and avoid repetition in the future.

The failure to establish building lines on Main and Essex streets has permitted the location of stores on street lines laid down years ago before the present traffic conditions could have been imagined.

The most pressing need in the city at the present time is a definite city-wide plan for the establishment of building lines to avoid the heavy expense of removal or destruction of buildings erected on present lines.

A map is necessary as the first step in the work. This has been in preparation during the past year. Nothing can be accomplished, however except by the general acceptance of the idea that the gift of a few feet of front yard will not only make the city safer and more beautiful in the future but will also increase property values.

The examples of Winchester and Brookline are surely worthy of emulation.

City Plan

The Planning Board in its 1925 report stressed the need of a complete plan.

This means a series of maps each of which shows a single feature of city planning.

They are of inestimable value to the various boards who are working on city planning.

It is a difficult task which is not usually attempted except by planning boards having larger appropriations (\$15,000 or over) employing a permanent working staff. The homogeneous nature of our City and the varied experience and qualifications of the board will permit the development of a set of city plans, equal in practical value to the maps of big cities without entailing unusual expense.

An assessment map, a traffic map, a thoroughfare map, a park and playground map and a public buildings map are the most important at the present time.

The assessment map is being prepared by the High School Civics Classes under the supervision of the Planning Board.

The other maps have been assigned to different members of the Planning Board and are well on their way to completion.

When they are finished they will be suitably placed in the City Planning Room where they will be available at any time for study or argument.

Maps

The necessity of owning a tracing of the city map has been realized by the Planning Board for a long time. The practice of borrowing valuable tracings from another department entails heavy responsibility in case of accident. It is also of the first importance to have a map with the street names in the bad of the street for certain work where lot lines are covered.

The heavy expense of a new tracing, \$75 being the lowest possible figure and \$150 for tracing with names erased, seemed prohibitive.

After much study and inquiry a way was discovered by which the two tracings could be obtained for the modest sum of \$25.00.

This is an example of the way the Planning Board intends to furnish the City of Melrose a set of city planning maps.

Zoning

There seems little doubt that the Zoning Ordinance adopted March 1923 is giving general satisfaction. Indeed, the Board of Appeals in its report states that they could not advise any amendment as the present restrictions seemed to be meeting the needs of a majority of the citizens.

Suggestions are frequently heard that a greater opportunity for the development of two family houses would help the city because of the greater tax return to the city. This argument is not borne out by the experience of other cities who have suffered a two family development. Inquiries in different cities bring the unvarying reply that single houses are the best investment for the city, because the extra taxation from two family houses is far outweighed by the expense of greater school facilities; moreover it must be borne in mind that most of the undeveloped land in Melrose is close to the borders of industrial cities and towns whose workers could easily obtain the comforts and advantages of Melrose while the neighboring cities benefited by the high taxation returns from the industries employing them.

Conference

The Planning board was represented by the Chairman at the annual conference called by Gov. Fuller at Salem.

More than 90 cities and towns were represented—Much time was devoted to the discussion of zoning and the functions of the boards of appeal.

The State Enabling Act for Boards of Appeal which was passed two months after the Special Act for Melrose has proved inadequate and an amendment is being considered.

There were frank expressions of envy when the provision of the Melrose Act was made known.

The latter part of the conference was given over to discussion of original plans which would cover all of Massachusetts and eventually link up with all the New England States.

Building Code

Pursuant to your honors recommendation the board has continued during the past year its study, previously begun for the revision of the building code. This has occupied much time and attention of the subcommittee of four members who have been working with the Building Inspector. It is now ready for approval by the full board. It has been a long and difficult task requiring many conferences.

Change in Zoning Restrictions

A petition bearing 75 signatures was presented to the Board of Aldermen requesting change of Business A district on corner of East and Upham Streets to Residence A.

The location was originally chosen after much study and the Planning Board, considering it unwise to cut off the rapidly growing district from a suitable site for local stores where local business was already established, refused to recommend the change.

The Planning Board wishes to acknowledge its appreciation of the support of the school authorities and the enthusiastic assistance of the Civics Classes of the Melrose High School in the preparation of the Assessment Map and the hearty co-operation of the other city departments.

Respectfully submitted

EVA G. OSGOOD, Chairman

CAROLINE H. BLAKE, Secy.

MRS. ETHEL G. COLLINS, Cor. Sec.

CHESTER ALLEN

ALBEE S. NOYES

CHARLES H. GILMORE

ALBERT A. HERSEY

EDWIN E. PRIOR

GEORGE C. GLOVER

Report of Police Department

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1926:

POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM

The installation of a new switch-board has brought our signal service up to date.

I again respectfully recommend that Police boxes and red lights be installed at Holland Road and Emerson Street, Burrell and Elm Streets, Beech and Goss Avenues, and Ashland Street and Richardson Road. Owing to the growth of the vicinities of the proposed boxes I believe them necessary to properly protect these districts.

Number of duty calls reported	37,957
Number of telephone calls	2,797
Number of wagon calls	5

SPOTLIGHTS

There are now five spotlights in use for the protection of officers doing traffic duty. All of these lights are so badly deteriorated that replacements must be made unless some other system of traffic control is installed.

MOTOR VEHICLES

One G. M. C. combination ambulance and patrol wagon.

One Buick touring car.

Two Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

There have been 170 calls for the ambulance during the past year.

The ambulance patrol wagon has been in use since 1920 and I believe it should be exchanged for a new one. It is an obsolete type of construction that rides hard. As a consequence we receive many complaints from sick patients being carried to hospitals.

Motorcycles are one of the best means at our command for the control of motor vehicle traffic and the patrol of the outlying districts of the city. I recommend that another motorcycle be added to the equipment of the department.

LIQUOR PROBLEM

To successfully prosecute liquor cases in our court certain conditions must be met which require special funds. We have

been handicapped by the fact that the Board of Aldermen did not appropriate the necessary money as per request.

We have given the liquor problem special attention and feel that it is well in hand.

REVOLVER PRACTICE

Revolver practice has been continued through the year with amazing results.

Headquarters Co., 3rd Battalion, State Guard, Gardner Wardwell, Commanding Officer, donated us a silver shield in appreciation of services rendered them, and also to stimulate our interest in revolver shooting, which is to be competed for annually, the winner each year to have his name engraved on the shield as the "Best Shot" in the department.

Additional prizes were contributed by Karl W. Fellows Co., Smith Bros., Inc., A. W. Haslam Drug Store, Harold Bennett, Locke Coal Co., Sergeant Phil Rendall, Ralph Varley and Henry A. Clark. The array of prizes offered created so much interest that keen rivalry existed.

I wish to thank all who assisted in any way in making possible our initial contest which was very successful notwithstanding the weather conditions under which it was held. I would like to make special mention of the kind efforts of Edwin A. Gill and also Captain Edward A. Woods of the Metropolitan District Commission.

CONCLUSION

During the past year by rearrangement of routes we assigned a motorcycle officer to patrol at night the so called "Swain's Pond" section. He has been very successful in breaking up the bathing and parking conditions that existed.

The successful work of our motorcycle officers is apparent to all and a third machine would add greatly to the effectiveness of this branch of the department.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic control is still the greatest problem of our time. The danger to children at unprotected crossings has been stressed by long petitions and verbal requests for protection which we are unable to comply with owing to the size of our department.

The situation must be met by the appointment of additional officers, or a system of Automatic Traffic Signals. I feel that we have passed the experimental stage and could, with perfect safety, contract for the latest approved system of electrically controlled traffic lights on Main and Lebanon Streets, thereby releasing certain officers for duty at other danger points.

I wish to thank you and the Board of Aldermen for the generous measure of co-operation given the policies and measures I have advocated, and for the spirit of helpfulness manifested toward my efforts during the most eventful year that this department has ever known.

Words fail to properly express our appreciation of the new quarters for which we patiently waited and now thoroughly enjoy.

My thanks are due the Justices, Clerks and Probation Officers of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex for advice and assistance rendered, also to many citizens for kind co-operation and valuable information.

To the officers, patrolmen and all others connected with the department, I desire to express my deep appreciation for their loyalty and excellent service rendered during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. HEATON,
Captain in Charge.

Report of Public Library Trustees

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

In accordance with the City Ordinances, the Trustees of the Public Library herewith respectfully transmit the report of the Librarian as their report for the year 1926. As illustrating the increasing use made of the Library by our citizens, we call attention to the fact that since 1922 the circulation has increased from 105,910 to 136,676 or almost 30%. The number of registered borrowers is 11,141. That the Library is economically managed is indicated by the fact that the cost per capita is about \$0.70, while in a neighboring city it is \$0.89. The circulation in Melrose is 6.8 per capita which compares very favorably with that of other Libraries. In the city above referred to it is 6.3 per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL STERLING,

Chairman for the Board of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

The following summary of the activities of the Melrose Public Library for the year 1926 will show, in a measure, what large returns the Melrose public gets from the money expended, and how economically the Library needs of the community have been supplied. At a cost of about seventy cents per capita every resident has available for his use the splendid collection of about 40,000 volumes in the Library, including the best and latest reference books to be had; he has the best collection of recent books, both non-fiction and fiction; he has the best and latest magazines to read; he has four daily papers, one Sunday paper, and four weekly papers; he has carefully selected children's books and a well supervised Recreation Room for the children. Besides these, he is provided with comfortable Reading and Study Rooms daily from 10:00 A. M. till 9:00 P. M., and Sunday from 2:00 P. M. till 5:00 P. M.; he also receives the services of trained Library assistants to help him find desired information. The Library also provides a regular meeting place for eight or nine organizations of a public welfare or educational nature, office room for the Public Health Nurse, and halls for art exhibits.

The ideal of the Public Library to-day is to devote itself to the whole public. That our Library is reaching more and more

of the public each year is shown in the more than 12,000 increase over 1925, in the number of books lent for home use during the year just closed. It is interesting to note that practically all of the increased circulation has been at the Main Library and in the Adult department. Two of the branches, the East Side and Ward 7 each made a considerable gain.

Owing to the rapidly increasing use of the Library, the outstanding need is enlargement of the building. With the crowded conditions, a certain sense of confusion and disorder is unavoidable. It is not unusual for every available space in the building to be in use. The program for one day may illustrate. On the second floor, in the large room, there is a meeting; in the Geological Room is some one using the room for research work; in the Art Room is some one studying, and the Hall is occupied by the Public Health Nurse; the whole of the main floor is used for regular Library work; in the basement are the two rooms devoted to recreation for the children, where we may find from twenty to forty-five children, and the large open room is being used by the Girl Scouts for their Home Nursing class. This one day is only an example of the use that is constantly being made of the Library, and if we are to continue to meet the needs of the people an enlargement of the building is imperative.

As the year is closing, the Library is preparing to move the East Side Branch from its old quarters to a large, pleasant room in the splendid new Winthrop School building. With the larger room, the opportunity for reading tables, and the more comfortable and pleasant conditions generally, we anticipate a large increase in the use of this Branch by the people of the East Side section. The room is to be furnished with new book-cases, reading tables, desks, and chairs, suitable for the new building.

The Branch at Ward 7 is doing splendid work considering the small space it has for books and the cramped conditions generally. The Librarian feels that the people in the southeast section of the city are entitled to better Library facilities and a place for a community center.

Another rapidly growing need is a building for the Highlands Branch. There is opportunity at this Branch for a much larger usefulness in that part of the city.

The Library is gradually and consistently raising the standard of requirements of its staff, the policy being to employ trained assistants, as new assistants are needed, thus assuring a more intelligent and efficient service to the public. The fact that the increased work of the year has been done with no additional help, is in itself a commendation of our staff.

The work in the Children's Department is as important as any in the Library. The circulation in the Children's Room remained about the same as last year. Book Week was observed as usual with an exhibit of good books and appropriate posters. There were thirty story-hours with approximately six hundred children in attendance, some of the stories being illustrated with the stereopticon. The Recreation Room continues to attract children in large numbers, and is evidently a blessing to many.

The pupils in the eighth grades and the first year in the High School continue to come to the Library for instruction in the use of the Library, of the catalogue, and of the reference books. The pupils are always enthusiastic and interested and put into practical use the information gained.

The reference work has increased in proportion to the rest of the Library work. The Reading Room is often over-crowded, making it difficult to maintain the quiet that is necessary in a Library.

A valuable gift to the Library of a collection of two or three hundred photographs of English, Italian, and German paintings, architecture, and Swiss Mountain scenery was made by the Rev. Mr. Strong of Dover, Mass. This makes a splendid addition to our Art Department. The growth in this department of the Library is very gratifying. There have been several valuable art books added, and the art class which meets weekly is of continuing and growing interest. It would seem that the problem of using the Art Room is being satisfactorily solved.

Two art exhibits during the year, one given jointly by the Woman's Club and the Art League, of paintings from Boston Galleries, one given by the Art League, of work of Melrose artists, were of unusual interest. That the people appreciate these exhibits, and expect them from time to time, is shown by the several hundred who visit them.

The Library building is in very good condition, very little in the way of repairs being necessary during the year.

The Librarian acknowledges the courtesy and co-operation of the Free Press and Home Sector in giving space for lists of books and notices for the Library. This helps greatly in bringing Library matters to the people.

The Librarian wishes to express her appreciation of the unfailing support and progressiveness of the Trustees, and the loyalty and fine spirit of the Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE M. HATCH,

Librarian.

STATISTICS

Comparative circulation for the past five years:—

1922	105,910
1923	108,064
1924	113,104
1925	124,344
1926	136,676

The circulation for the year follows:—

Main Library	74,055
Highlands Branch	26,126
Wyoming Branch	5,666
East Side Branch	9,332
Ward 7 Branch	5,418
School Deposits	7,080
Sanitarium	7,335
Fire Stations	530
Duplicate	1,014

Total 136,676

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM OF STATISTICS

For the Year ending December 31, 1926

Population served (about)	21,000
Assessed valuation of City	\$31,500,000.00
Number of days open during the year	331
Hours open each week for reading	69
Hours open each week for lending	69
Number of volumes at beginning of year	33,899
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,734
Number of volumes added by gift	50
Number of volumes added by binding	25
Total number of volumes at end of year	35,708
Number of volumes lent for home use	136,676
Number of borrowers registered	11,141
Number of borrowers registered in 1926	1,180

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SPECIAL FUNDS

Melrose Public Library for Year Ending December 31, 1926

William Emerson Barrett Fund

1926

Jan 1 By balance		\$191.87
By interest		8.70
Dec. 31 To balance	\$200.57	
	\$200.57	\$200.57

CITY OF MELROSE

Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund**1926**

Jan. 1	By balance		\$883.05
	By interest		40.16
Dec. 31	To balance	\$923.21	
		\$923.21	\$923.21

William Bailey Fund**1926**

Jan. 1	By balance		\$2,756.71
	By interest		125.51
	To books purchased	\$234.73	
Dec. 31	To balance	2,647.49	
		\$2,882.22	\$2,882.22

Catalogue Fund**1926**

Jan. 1	By balance		\$330.65
	By interest		14.80
	By deposits		785.00
	To disbursements for library employees	\$309.35	
	To disbursements for library supplies....	196.23	
	To repairs	69.98	
Dec. 31	To balance	554.89	
		\$1,130.45	\$1,130.45

Duplicate Library Fund**1926**

Jan. 1	By balance	\$	2.10
	By interest		.09
	By deposits		82.96
	To books purchased	\$	66.82
Dec. 31	To balance		18.33
		\$	85.15
		\$	85.15

Recreation Room Fund**1926**

Jan. 1	By balance	\$	44.86
	By interest		.99
Dec. 31	To balance	\$	45.85
		\$	45.85
		\$	45.85

FRANK W. CAMPBELL,

Treasurer.

Report of Public Works Department

ORGANIZATION—1926

Engineer and Superintendent
FRANK EMERSON

Division Assistants

Engineering Division	CHARLES F. WOODWARD	In Charge
	JOHN F. RAND	Transitman
	EDWIN H. KING	Rodman
	DONALD McBETH	Rodman

Highway Division: WALTER J. LORD In Charge

Sewers and Drains: ALBERT J. WAGHORNE In Charge

Water Division: JAMES McTIERNAN In Charge

Office Assistants

Chief Clerk:	EMMA L. LEIGHTON
Bookkeeper:	ENOS R. PYE
Asst. Bookkeeper:	JANETTE K. BOWIE
Timekeeper:	PATRICK G. DeCOURCY
Clerk:	M. EILEEN DUNLEY

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
Gentlemen:—

The Annual Report of the Public Works Department for the year ending December 31, 1926 is hereby respectfully submitted.

This department has the general care of all public highways (streets, sidewalks, trees), construction of new streets and sidewalks, street lighting, street sprinkling, street cleaning, collection of ashes and garbage, street signs, house numbering, and all work connected with the sewer, surface drainage and water systems, all engineering work relating to above, care of City Hall, placing of insurance on city property, and construction of all new public buildings.

Contracts have been let for the construction of granolithic sidewalks, edgestones, sewer and water pipe, tar and sand, sale of garbage, collection of rubbish, and the construction of the new City Stables and of the Winthrop School.

The past year has been an extremely busy one, more men having been employed in the different divisions of the Department than in previous years.

As a result of the retirement of the former Superintendent of Brown-tail and Gypsy Moths, by vote of the Board of Aldermen the Moth Department was made an adjunct of the Public Works Department.

During the month of May all the elm, poplar and linden trees on the public highways were sprayed with a solution of arsenate of lead, and during the last month of the year a careful examination was made of all trees on public property, and where nests of brown-tail and gypsy moths were found they were promptly removed and the tree treated with creosote. About three-eighths of the city trees were pruned and this class of work must be continued consistently, as there still remains a vast amount of this work to do if the City is to conserve its many beautiful shade trees.

The street sweeper commenced operation on April 5th and the streets and gutters of the entire City were completely cleaned by May 8th. During the year the entire City was swept six times and the central portion fifteen times.

The sweeper for the second year has demonstrated its value, if having kept the streets clean at a much less cost than if the work had been done by hand labor.

The ashes and garbage collection has proceeded according to regular schedule with scarcely any complaints from the householders.

The resurfacing of streets was done with a material different from anything that had ever been used before in Melrose and the results obtained seem to justify the wisdom in making the change. About one-half of the streets were thus treated and it is hoped that the remainder of the City will be covered during the coming year.

Considerable tar patching was done on account of the severe preceeding winter and the numerous trenches cut in the streets for the purpose of making sewer, water and gas connections with new buildings.

The amount of patching done each year depends on the type of winter and can naturally be expected to increase, due to the increased truck traffic and the use of skid chains.

Four streets, Rockland, Mendum, Twelfth and Enmore Road were accepted and constructed during the year. The streets were graded and surfaced with a bituminous macadam, and edge-stones, granolithic walks and sodding were placed. Of this work the sodding and part of the bituminous surface of Rockland Street remains to be finished, which work will be completed as early as possible in the spring.

Nineteen other streets were regraded, partially rebuilt and given a tar surface treatment.

During the month of February the department was called upon to combat two severe snow storms within a period of seven days. This work was handled expeditiously and to the apparent satisfaction of a majority of the citizens. During the year the snow equipment was put into operation nine times.

A much needed improvement was put into effect by the construction of the new stable and garage on the City lot on Tremont Street. The old stable on Pleasant Street has been torn down and the new quarters are commodious and up to date in every respect. The garage houses the motor equipment which had been previously kept in various places throughout the City.

The approach to the Roosevelt School on Vinton Street was graded and seeded, and also part of the grounds on the front and the entire rear of City Hall.

5740 feet of water mains were laid in 30 streets. The extension in no street was large, varying in length from 24 to 448 feet and was called for in almost every case by the construction of new buildings.

In the southwest section of the City the area including parts of Baxter, Cutter, Whittier and Sanford Streets had been suffering for a great many years by backflooding from Spot Pond Brook and by inadequate drainage facilities.

During the year a drainage system was installed on these streets and the results obtained give every evidence that the problem has been solved to the satisfaction of the residents of that locality.

The equipment of the department was augmented by the purchase of a 5 ton Caterpillar tractor and Sargent snowplough, two two one ton Federal trucks for use in collecting ashes and an Ingersoll-Rand air compressor.

Owing to the quality and quantity of the rock found in the streets of the City, the compressor has already demonstrated its value and has made it possible to complete much more work than would have been possible under former conditions.

WATER DIVISION

About 5740 feet of new mains were laid during the year and 600 feet of cement pipe replaced with iron pipe of larger size. Details of work done are shown in the tables of Construction and Repay which follow.

One hundred and ninety new services were laid and eighty-six old iron services were renewed with lead or cement lined pipe.

Ten additional hydrants have been placed and two broken hydrants replaced. Hydrants have been oiled, repaired and kept free from snow and ice.

Two hundred and nine meters have been installed and seventeen removed.

The entire system of mains, services, hydrants, water meters, etc., have had careful attention and the necessary repairs and changes have been made. The following are some of the items:

- 3 services in private premises cleaned
- 32 joints in iron pipe repaired
- 69 service leaks in street repaired
- 19 services in street cleaned
- 194 services renewed in private premises
- 86 services renewed in street

Total Pipe La'id in the City

Length in feet	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe	956
Length in feet	1 inch pipe	2,021
Length in feet	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipe	1,377
Length in feet	2 inch pipe	6,797
Length in feet	4 inch pipe	53,292
Length in feet	6 inch pipe	174,088
Length in feet	8 inch pipe	27,707
Length in feet	10 inch pipe	20,903
Length in feet	12 inch pipe	23,097
Length in feet	14 inch pipe	3,024
Length in feet	16 inch pipe	5,223
Total		318,485

Length of cast iron pipe, 268,798 feet or 50.91 miles

Length of cement pipe, 49,687 feet or 9.41 miles

Total miles, 60.32

Number of services in use	5,059
Number of meters	5,165
Number of fire hydrants	419
Number of gates on mains	829
Number of watering troughs	2
Number of ornamental fountains	2
Number of drinking fountains (bubblers)	10
Number of fire services	22

Water Assessments and Consumption

The annual assessments paid by the City of Melrose as its proportional part of the cost and operation of the Metropolitan Water Works for the last five years are as follows:—

1922.....	\$23,191.14
1923.....	25,580.49
1924.....	26,475.80
1925.....	25,157.89
1926.....	30,230.74

The average daily per capita consumption (gallons) of water in Melrose as recorded by the Venturi meter, operated by the Metropolitan Water Works, is shown below for the years 1922-1926.

1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
62	66	64	62	67

WATER RELAY—1926

LOCATION	Cast Iron pipe		Pipe Abandoned			Hydrants Changed	Gates Changed
	Size Inches	Length Feet	Size Inches	Length Feet	Kind		
Edgemere St.						1	
Upham St., opp. No. 339						1	1
Laurel St.						1	
Brunswick Park, Hydrant Broken						1	
Pleasant St., Gould St. southerly ...	6	240	6	240	Cement		
Cutter St., Baxter St. southerly ...	1	82	6	82	Cement		
Rockland St., No. 10 to No. 26	6	265	6	265	Cement		
Rockland St., 380 ft. 6" Pipe lowered							
Walton Park, Hydrant Broken						1	
Totals		587		587		5	1

WATER CONSTRUCTION—1926

LOCATION	Cast Iron Pipe		Gates		Hydrants		REMARKS
	Size Inches	Ft. Length	Size Inches	No.	Size Inches	No.	
Sawyer Road, School St. westerly	1½	129	6				
Belmont Place, No. 22 to 33		154	6				
Crystal St., on hydrant			6	1			
Pearl St., Hydrant East to No. 86	6	208		1			
Lynn Fells Parkway, Charles St. West	6	380	6	1			
Rockview Ave., Main St. East	1½	180					
Fairview Ave., No. 11 to No. 18	6	70					
E. Foster St., on Hydrant, cor. Gooch St.			6	1			
Highview Ave., at Laurel St.	6		6	1			
Ardsmoor Rd., Extension Southerly	6	24					
Clifford St., No. 88 to line of Golf Grounds ..	6	154	6	1	6	1	
Nelson Rd., Southerly to Albert St.	6	294					
Albert St., Nelson Rd. Westerly	6	34					
Lodge Ave., Main St. to Browns	6	184	6	2	6	1	
Whitman Ave., Extension Southerly	6	204	6	1	6	1	
Laurel St., on Hydrant	6	150	6	1			
Roadman Ave., No. 84 to No. 98	6	184	6	2			
Damon Ave., Boardman Ave. to Frost Ave.	6	266	6	1			
Fairview Ave., No. 11 Easterly	6	84					
Highview Ave., First St. Southerly	6	180	6	1			
Brunswick Park, New Hydrant							
Brumore Rd., Extension to Hillcrest Ave.	6	124	6	1	6	1	Replaced broken Hydt.
City Hall Yard							Location Changed
Oxford St., Naples Rd. Southerly	1¼	113	6	1			
Pleasant St., Gould St. Southerly	6	168					
E. Foster St., No. 371 Easterly	6	96	6	1			
Glen St., Melbourne Ave. Westerly to No. 31 ..			6				
Washington St., at Hydrant opp. No. 190 ..					6	1	
Mt. Vernon Ave., No. 124 Southerly	6	222	6	1			
Trenton St., on Hydrant at Hurd St.			6	1			
Howard St., on Hydrant at No. 140			6	1			
Clifford St., Elm St., Easterly	6	155	6	2	6	1	
Rockland St., near No. 18			6	1	6	1	
Maple Terrace, Swains Pond Ave., to Hemenway Ave	6	431	6	1			
Hemenway Ave., Maple Ter. Southerly	6	144	6	1	6	1	
Glen St., Garland St. to No. 31	6	108	6	1	6	1	
Norman Rd., Porter St. Southerly	6	431	6	2	6	1	
Prospect St., on Hydrant opp. No. 50	6	220	6	1			
West St.							
Walton Park, on Hydrant opp. No. 90							
Garland St., Crest Ave., Northerly	6	150					
Crest Ave., Melbourne Ave. to, Garland St.	6	448	6	3	6	1	
Totals		5740		36		10	

HIGHWAY DIVISION

154,845 gallons of tar have been applied for street surface treatment .

5,921 cu. yds. of sand have been used to cover surface tar application.

57 new trees have been set out.

36 new street signs have been placed and 45 others have been purchased to be placed in 1927.

3,004 sq. yds. of sodding have been laid.

135 sq. yds. of repairs to granolithic sidewalks and 2256 sq. yds. of repairs to tar concrete sidewalks have been made.

672 cords of garbage have been collected.

30 new driveways have been installed.

Gutters have been paved with granite blocks on parts of Perkins and Ferdinand Streets.

Edgestones have been reset on parts of Franklin, Main and Essex Streets.

Streets Re-surfaced or Built in 1926

	Lin. feet	Sq. yards
City Hall North side and at rear	300	730
Circuit Street	607	1619
Enmore Road Hillcrest Ave. to East St.	400	977
East Street Porter St. to Upham St.	1320	3520
Ferdinand Street Part of street and Private way..	900	2400
Forest Street Lebanon St. to Naples Road	1250	3055
First Street Eleventh St. to Waverly Ave.	1075	2627
Geneva Road Upham St. to First St.	420	1027
Laurel Street Sixth St. to Waverly Ave.	1520	4053
Leeds Street Otis St. to Boulevard	250	666
Porter Street Lincoln St. to Golf Grounds	1900	5066
Pine Street Poplar Street to Wentworth Rd.	500	1333
Mendum Street Orris St. to Melrose St.	350	855
Rockland Street South Ave. to City Line	720	1760
Sixth Street First St. to E. Foster St. and		
Sewall Woods Road Laurel St. to Grove St.	600	1400
School Street Dyer Ave. to Boulevard	1030	2516
Swains Pond Avenue ..Porter St. to Upham St.	1320	3226
Twelfth Street	4000	8888
West Hill Avenue Upham St. to First St.	420	980
Totals Botolph St. to Summit	780	2080
	19662	48798

There have been 7990 linear feet of new edgestones set and 8261 square yards of granolithic sidewalks constructed, classified as either Individual or Continuous Walks.

CONTINUOUS WALKS—1926

Location	Edgestone		Blocks	Granolithic		Sodding sq. ft.
	Straight	Curved		Walks	Drives	
Enmore Rd., both sides, East St. to Hillcrest Ave.	821.70	62.8	8	3,966.0	425.0	2,521.0
*Rockland St., South Ave. to Harrison St.	1,182.80	122.7	22	6,723.0	1,055.1	.....
Twelfth St., Upham St. to First St.	760.20	62.8	14	4,008.0	493.0	1,764.0
*Mendum St., Melrose St. to Orris St.	630.10	43.0	4	3,332.0	180.0	2,138.0
*First St., south side, Sixth to Waverly Ave.	1,300.10	82.0	34	7,304.0	1,559.5	.....
Laurel St., south side, at Lot No. 283	342.30	34.7	12	2,086.0	448.0	741.0
Chester St., south side, Trenton St. to Florence St.	216.00	15.7	4	1,143.0	132.8	480.0
Frost Ave., north side, Hawes Ave. to Damon Ave.	410.90	31.4	10	2,150.0	506.0	1,389.0
Perkins St., south side, Parkway to Warwick Rd. ..	562.80	.....	10	3,128.8	578.6	3,103.0
School St., west side, Porter St. to Upham St.	360.00	31.4	10	6,119.0	889.2	3,914.0
Goss Ave., east side, Beech Ave. to Harold St.	729.00	.....	17	2,069.0	439.0	1,255.0
Franklin St., north side, Main St. to Greenwood St.	.....	31.4	17	16,017.2	282.0	3,617.0
Florence Ave., both sides, Grove St. southerly	6,064.90	517.9	145.0	58,046.0	6,988.2	23,364.0

*Not Finished.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION—1926

STREET	LOCATION	Pipe		Man holes
		Size Inches	Length Feet	
Albert St.	Nelson Road, westerly	6	270	1
Ardsmoor Rd.	Porter St. to Upham St.	8	861	4
		10	525	2
Clifford St.	Nelson Road, easterly	8	663	3
Cutter St.	Baxter St. southerly	6	110	1
Crest Ave.	Melbourne Ave. to Garland St.	6	391	2
*Glen St.	Melbourne Ave. to Longfellow Rd.	8	230	1
*Garland St.	Ravine Rd. to Glen St.	8	500	2
Highview Ave. ..	Upham St. to E. Foster St.	8	659	3
Howard St.	Nelson Rd., easterly	10	296	1
Mt. Vernon Ave.	Extension, southerly	6	105	1
Norman Rd.	Porter St., easterly	8	490	3
Pearl St.	Extension, easterly	8	246	1
Upham St.	Ardsmoor Rd. to Highview Ave. ..	8	440	2
Whitman Ave. ..	Extension, southerly to Beech Ave.	6	415	2
	Totals		6201	29

*Not completed

SUMMARY

1291 feet 6 in. Pipe

4089 feet 8 in. Pipe

821 feet 10 in. Pipe

6201 Lin. Ft. Total for 1926.

29 Manholes

188 House Connections.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1926

Number of feet of 6 inch pipe	135,131
Number of feet of 8 inch pipe	66,202
Number of feet of 10 inch pipe	19,004
Number of feet of 12 inch pipe	12,308
Number of feet of 15 inch pipe	4,729
Number of feet of 18 inch pipe	5,930
Number of feet of 20 inch pipe	2,788
Number of feet of 24 inch pipe	1,213
Number of feet of 18x20 inch brick	3,035
Number of feet of 20 inch brick	111
Number of feet of 24 inch brick	28

Total number of feet in length of sewers 250,479
or 47.44 miles, 2.40 miles of which are owned and controlled
by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but by Act of the
Legislature Melrose is permitted to use these in the same
manner as local sewers.

SURFACE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION—1926

STREET	LOCATION	Pipe		Man Catch Holes	Basin
		Size Inches	Length Feet		
Briggs St.	Sargent St. to Morgan St.	15	125	3	.....
		12	270		.....
Cutter St.	Spot Pond Brook to Sanford St.	18	100		.....
		*18	240		.....
Cottage St.	At Alden St.				1
Dix Pond	Extension, westerly	*16	130		.....
Frost Ave.	Extension of Culvert, northerly		15		1
Howie Court	Franklin St., northerly	12	310		.....
Lebanon St.	Beech Ave. to Malvern St.	18	280	3	2
		24	110		.....
		15	30		.....
Main St.	Rear of Grimes Garage	12	65		.....
Porter St.	Ardsmoor Rd., easterly	12	90	1	.....
Rockland St.	At low point				2
Towners Pond Brook	Right of Way	*20	224		.....
Sargent St.					2
Spot Pond Brook Wall	At Chester and Florence Sts.		325		.....
	At Florence St., southerly		85		.....
	At Wyoming Ave.		100		.....
	At Whittier St.		110		.....
					1
Swain's Pond Ave. ....					.....
Sanford St.	At Cutter and Whittier Sts.	15	100	2	.....
		*16	400		.....
Winthrop School	Via Private Land ....				.....
Wyoming Ave.	At Lynde Ave.				1
West Hill Ave.	Right of Way to York Terrace	15	138	1	1
		12	180		.....
Washington St.	Lynde Ave., westerly	*20	138		.....
		*24	364		.....
Whittier St.		*18	230	2	.....

*Iron Pipe

SUMMARY—1926

1798 ft. Akron Pipe
 1726 ft. Iron Pipe
 15 ft. Stone Culvert
 620 ft. Stone walls at Brook
 13 Manholes
 11 Catch Basins

IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1926

8 inch Akron pipe	863 lin. ft.
10 inch Akron pipe	5,852 lin. ft.
12 inch Akron pipe	35,580 lin. ft.
12 inch Iron pipe	470 lin. ft.
15 inch Akron pipe	18,241 lin. ft.
16 inch Akron pipe	284 lin. ft.
16 inch Iron pipe	580 lin. ft.
18 inch Akron pipe	7,803 lin. ft.
18 inch Iron pipe	1,162 lin. ft.
20 inch Akron pipe	6,232 lin. ft.
20 inch Iron pipe	556 lin. ft.
24 inch Akron pipe	2,546 lin. ft.
24 inch Iron pipe	524 lin. ft.
30 inch Iron pipe	350 lin. ft.
Brick Conduit	659 lin. ft.
Concrete Conduits	9,234 lin. ft.
Number of Manholes	400
Number of Concrete Culverts	9
Number of Catch Basins	685
Total length of improved Surface Drainage	17.22 miles

I desire to express my appreciation of the co-operation of His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen and to all the employees of the department for their co-operation in the completion of the year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK EMERSON,
Engr. and Supt. Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1926

WATER

Water Construction

Balance 1925	\$35.67	
Bond issue	30,000.00	\$30,035.67

Expended

General Expenses		9.75	
Meters:			
New	\$2,831.18		
Installation	382.28	3,213.46	
Services		7,805.13	
Main Line		18,950.95	29,979.29
Balance			56.38
Cost of System			
Construction to Jan 1,			
1926		\$639,166.40	
Construction 1926		29,979.29	
Cost of System to			
Jan. 1, 1927			\$669,145.69

Inside Services and Charges

Cash Receipts		\$10,488.44	
Less:			
Overdraft 1925	\$70.85		
Cash Refunds	2,717.25	2,788.10	\$7,700.34

Expended

Labor		3,838.28	
Stock, Teams, Overhead		4,580.50	
Invoices		353.15	8,771.93
Overdraft			1,071.59

Water Maintenance

Budget	\$20,000.00	
Cash Receipts	215.49	\$20,215.49

Less:

Order No. 17390	75.00	\$20,140.49
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Expended

Overhead

Salaries and Wages ..	1,836.48	
Expense	4,144.49	
	5,980.97	
Less Credits	3,014.16	2,966.81

Stock

Yard Expense	876.51	
Purchased	15,542.17	
	16,418.68	
Credits received.....	18,237.40	
From stock on hand		
12-31-25		1,818.72 #
Hydrants		1,902.76
Main Line		2,746.80

Meters:

Readings	3,179.74	
Remove and Repair..	2,362.76	5,542.50

Relay Mains	2,658.56	
Services	4,991.73	18,990.44
Balance		1,150.05

Highways

Balance 1925	\$1,037.75	
Budget	40,000.00	
Order #17665	3,970.80	
Street Railway Tax	1,137.04	
Cash Receipts	3,850.15	\$49,995.74

	Expended	
Overhead		
Salaries and Wages...	\$2,461.41	
Expense	5,647.86	
	8,109.27	
Credits received....	8,036.14	73.13
Crusher		14.54
Street Cleaning		989.93
Gravel Walks		298.38
Guard Rail and Fencing		101.17
Material		
Purchased	441.43	
Sold	989.67	
From Stock on hand		
Jan. 1, 1926	548.24	#
Minor Charges	4,124.52	
Minor Repairs	83.96	
Street Sprinkling	22,038.50	
Tar Patching	17,029.29	
Repairs by streets	5,251.19	49,456.37
(See below)		
Balance		539.37
Repairs by Streets		
Belmont Street	25.72	
Laurel Street	795.18	
Sixth Street	657.00	
Pine Street	124.01	
Leeds Street	156.61	
Sewall Woods Road ..	1,321.88	
West Hill Avenue ...	1,078.96	
School Street	526.77	
Circuit Street	565.06	5,251.19
Highway Construction		
Budget	\$7,200.00	
Bond Issue	27,000.00	
Unexpended Balances ..	420.78	\$34,620.78
Less: Order #17521..	1,200.00	\$33,420.78

CITY OF MELROSE

Expended		
Labor	6,463.09	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	18,605.63	
Invoices	6,646.52	31,715.24
Balance		1,705.54
East Foster Street Construction		
Balance 1925	213.47	
Less		
To General Account	4.40	209.07
Expended		
Labor	139.55	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	69.52	209.07
Appleton Street Construction		
Balance 1925		478.40
None Expended		
Steam Roller		
Balance 1925	1,300.24	
Receipts from use	1,701.25	3,001.49
Expended		
Coal	371.58	
Repairs and Parts	25.16	
Labor	194.42	
Overhead	18.59	
Sundries	36.34	646.09
Balance		2,355.40
Automotive Equipment		
Budget	\$6,000.00	
Order #17408	1,000.00	
Cash Receipts	367.94	
Receipts from use	10,841.59	\$18,209.53

Expended

Gasoline	2,807.73	
Repair Parts	1,259.18	
Supplies	610.99	
Garage Rent	490.43	
Oil and Grease	400.27	
Tires and Tubes	867.33	
Battery Care	152.35	
Sundries	6,352.22	
Telephone	32.75	
Tools, etc.	2,083.37	
Mechanic	3,130.31	18,186.93

Balance		22.60
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Stables Account

Budget 1926	2,000.00	
Cash Receipts	145.00	
Gross Receipts from use	12,602.59	14,747.59

Expended

Hay and Grain	3,381.56	
Heat, Light and Repairs	334.63	
Telephone	40.83	
Horse care and shoeing	1,303.43	
Cart Repairs	890.78	
Harnesses and Repairs.	265.28	
Sundries	2,021.55	
Stablemen	5,447.00	
Drayage	36.08	
Grading:		
Labor	600.69	
Teams	114.00	14,435.83
Balance		311.76

New City Stables

Order #17435	30,000.00
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Expended

Invoices	22,242.32
Balance	7,757.68

Crosswalks and Paving

Balance 1925	\$91.84	
Budget	3,000.00	\$3,091.84
Less		
Order #17665	505.61	\$2,586.23

Expended

Labor	1,622.66	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	963.57	2,586.23

Street Sprinkling

Budget 1926	17,000.00	
Cash Receipts	6.05	17,006.05

Expended

Invoices		16,956.18
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Balance		49.87
(154,845 Gals. Tar used)		

Street Lighting

Budget 1926	27,000.00	
Cash Receipts	270.00	27,270.00

Expended

Labor	10.40	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	41.56	
Invoices	26,570.98	
Order #17665	630.06	27,253.00

Balance		17.00
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Snow Removal and Sanding

Balance 1925	69.88	
Appropriations	19,000.00	
Cash Receipts	19.48	19,089.36

Expended

Plowing	19,537.85	
Sanding	1,881.90	
Overhead	1,931.09	
Hired Equipment, etc...	1,020.23	24,361.07

Overdraft		5,271.71
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Traffic Painting

Budget 1926		\$300.00
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Expended

Labor	\$180.28	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	26.90	
Invoices	24.89	232.07

Balance		67.93
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Street Signs and Numbers

Budget 1926		1,000.00
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Expended

Labor	92.33	
Teams	8.96	
Stock	5.25	
Overhead	10.13	
Signs	850.17	966.84

Balance		33.16
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Insurance

Budget	5,000.00	
Cash Receipts	345.14	5,345.14

Expended

Invoices		4,820.79
Balance		524.35

Vacations

Budget 1926	6,945.00	
Cash Receipts	16.02	6,961.02

Expended

Payrolls		6,554.68
Balance		306.34

Pensions

Appropriation	\$13,394.00	
Less		
Order #17665	960.43	\$12,433.57

Expended

Payrolls		12,433.10
Balance		.47

Land Purchase		
Budget 1926		1,200.00
Less Transferred by		
Board of Aldermen..		1,200.00
Ice for Drink Fountain		
Budget 1926		25.00
	Expended	
Invoices		25.00
Land Purchase for Proposed		
Extension of Greenwood Street		
Per Order of Board of		
Aldermen		8,933.76
	Expended	
Invoices		8,851.45
Balance		82.31
New Building Construction		
Budget 1926	7,200.00	
Less		
Orders of Board of		
Aldermen	1,200.00	6,000.00
	Expended	
Labor	464.90	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	1,808.11	2,273.01
Balance		3,726.99
Snow Plow and Tractor		
Order #17598		\$5,000.00
	Expended	
Invoices		4,850.00
Balance		150.00
Purchase of Land of		
J. F. and G. L. Nelson		
Order #17650		1,422.00
None Expended		

Widen and Eliminate Curves

on Trenton Street

Order #17107 1,600.00

Expended

Invoices 1,600.00

CLAIMS

Claim of Adele Comeau

Order #17277 \$100.00

Expended

Invoices 100.00

Claim of W. P. Hyland

Order #17390 75.00

Expended

Invoices 75.00

Claim of Waldron P. Hodson

Order #15634 100.00

Expended

Invoices 100.00

Claim for Damages done by

Pitometer tests 1924

Order #17273 170.58

Expended

Invoices 170.58

Claim of Concette Donnaruma

Order #16894 75.00

Expended

Invoices 75.00

Claim of Elmer E. Manley

Order 17658 15.00

Expended

Invoices 15.00

SEWERS

Sewer Construction

Balance 1925	\$6,993.14	
Bond Issues	31,500.00	
Unexpended Balances..	13,601.24	
Receipts	66.79	\$52,161.17

Less

Orders of Board of Aldermen	49,014.46	\$3,146.71
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Expended

Overhead Expenses ...	412.00	
Stock:		
Purchased	3,985.01	
Sold	6,444.51	2,459.50 #
Sundry Connections.	321.43	Gain
Porter Street	18.72	1,707.35
Balance		4,854.06

Private Sewers

Cash Receipts	17,528.35
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Expended

Labor	8,736.19	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	4,564.10	
Invoices	260.32	
Cash Refunds	4,393.47	17,954.08
Overdraft		425.73

Sewer Maintenance

Budget	2,000.00
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Expended

Labor	1,598.53	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	390.79	1,989.32
Balance		10.68

SEWER CONSTRUCTION ON ORDERS

East Side Sewer		
Balance from 1925	\$23,097.36	
Cash Receipts	401.80	
	23,499.16	
Less:		
Order #17430B	15,000.00	\$8,499.16
Expended		
Labor	2,730.66	
Stock, Teams and		
Overhead	2,523.92	
Invoices	3,244.58	8,499.16
Pearl Street		
Order #17215	1,687.00	
From General Account	329.25	2,016.25
Expended		
Labor	1,433.09	
Stock, Teams and		
Overhead	456.94	
Invoices	126.22	2,016.25
Ardsmore Road		
Order #17168	3,120.00	
Less		
To General Account..	180.20	2,939.80
Expended		
Labor	2,131.84	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	482.99	
Invoices	324.97	2,939.80
Ravine Road		
Order #17057		3,465.00
Expended		
Invoices		81.75
Balance		3,383.25

Crest Avenue		
Order #17001	\$2,508.00	
Less:		
To General Account	780.69	\$1,727.31
	Expended	
Labor	1,306.57	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	239.24	
Invoices	181.50	1,727.31
Garland Street		
Order #17002	2,100.00	
Less:		
To General Account	462.97	1,637.03
	Expended	
Labor	1,275.06	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	306.34	
Invoices	55.63	1,637.03
Clifford Street		
Balance from 1925	2,149.05	
From General Account	309.41	2,458.46
Unexpended Balances	13,601.24	
	Expended	
(P) Labor	1,663.95	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	449.54	
Invoices	344.97	2,458.46
Glen Street		
Order #17003	1,650.00	
Less:		
To General Account	792.14	857.86
	Expended	
Labor	624.85	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	147.37	
Invoices	85.64	857.86

Ardsmore Road Extension

Order #17457	\$18,150.00	
Less:		
To General Account	7,757.86	\$10,393.14

Expended

Labor	7,458.81	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	1,645.21	
Invoices	1,289.12	10,393.14

Albert Street

Order #17488	1,120.00	
From General Account	173.51	1,293.51

Expended

Labor	1,014.86	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	221.39	
Invoices	57.26	1,293.51

Howard Street

Order #16683 (1925)	2,717.00	
From General Account	620.29	3,337.29

Expended

Labor	2,492.89	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	413.02	
Invoices	431.38	3,337.29

Norman Road

Order #17503	3,087.00	
Less:		
To General Account	151.67	2,935.33

Expended

Labor	2,201.72	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	462.90	
Invoices	270.71	2,935.33

Mt. Vernon Street		
Order #17569	\$1,600.00	
Less:		
To General Account	1,243.87	\$356.13
	Expended	
Labor	249.59	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	106.54	356.13
Cutter Street		
Order #17590	600.00	
Less:		
To General Account	190.03	409.97
	Expended	
Labor	291.32	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	118.65	409.97
Whitman Avenue		
Order #17120	3,375.00	
Less:		
To General Account	1,235.50	2,139.50
	Expended	
Labor	1,490.83	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	477.80	
Invoices	170.87	2,139.50
Garland Street		
Order #17626	3,260.00	3,260.00
	Expended	
Labor	833.88	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	119.73	
Invoices	85.14	1,038.75
Balance		2,221.25

Glen Street		
Order #17625	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00
	Expended	
Labor	605.70	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	139.88	
Invoices	70.75	816.33
Balance		1,043.67

COST OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Cost of System to Decem-		
ber 31, 1925	\$648,585.82	
Expended 1926	41,265.22	
Cost of System to De-		
cember 31, 1926.....		\$689,851.04

DRAINS

Surface Drain Construction		
Balance 1915	\$ 1.55	
Budget	7,200.00	
Bond Issue	15,000.00	\$22,201.55

Expended

General Expenses	42.48
Memorial Building	344.21
Howie Street	830.03
Porter Street	554.53
New Winthrop School	2,347.26
Frost Avenue	223.11
Prospect Street	118.25
Franklin Street	167.33
City Hall	.50
Main Street, Grimes	
Garage	92.52
Wyoming Avenue, cor.	
Lynde Avenue Catch	
Basin	120.64
West Hill Avenue.....	931.28
Sargent Street	306.46
Spot Pond Brook Wall	
Chester Street	1,223.41
Wyoming Avenue....	231.01

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Whittier Street	429.86	
Florence Street	239.80	
Washington Street	2,274.47	
Swains Pond Avenue..	450.27	
Albion Street	116.63	
Cutter Street	3,437.94	
York Terrace	3.00	
Townners Pond	426.89	
Lynde Avenue	40.10	
Whittier Street	1,802.83	
Rockland Street	75.92	
Lebanon Street	1,942.93	
Sanford Street	350.87	
Briggs Street	1,538.84	
Malvern Street	52.05	
Sanford Street Exten- sion	202.56	
Alden Street	131.21	
Baxter Street	5.14	21,054.33
Balance		1,147.22

DRAINS

Towner's Pond	
Balance 1925	\$86.09

Expended

Labor	80.44	
Stock, Teams and Over- head	5.65	86.09

Surface Drain Maintenance	
Budget	5,000.00

Expended

Labor	3,854.43	
Stock, Teams and Over- head	970.75	
Invoices	2.75	4,827.93
Balance		172.07

COST OF SURFACE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Expended to January 1, 1926	\$317,923.11	
Expended 1926	21,140.42	
Cost of System to December 31, 1926		\$339,063.53
Cleaning Brooks		
Budget		4,000.00
	Expended	
Labor	2,894.58	
Stock, Teams and Over-		
head	464.14	
Invoices	20.04	3,378.76
Balance		621.24

SIDEWALKS

Continuous Walks		
Balances 1925	\$2,389.16	
Budget	7,200.00	
Bond Issues	21,000.00	
Unexpended Balances ..	3,740.75	
Collections & Receipts ..	10,040.57	\$44,370.48
Less:		
Orders of Board of		
Aldermen	33,470.38	\$10,900.10
	Expended	
Overhead Expense	829.36	
Sodding Expense	298.32	
Stock	68.98	
Pleasant Street	70.16	
New Stables	143.88	
Franklin Street	34.48	1,445.18
Balance		9,454.92
Individual Walks		
Balance 1925	2,555.52	
Budget	1,000.00	
Cash Receipts	5,976.00	9,531.52
Less:		
Cash Refunds	601.21	8,930.31

	Expended		
Labor	959.76		
Stock, Teams and Over-			
head	6,752.49	7,712.25	
Balance		1,218.06	
Repair of Present Walks			
Budget	6,000.00		
Less:			
Order No. 17665 ...	1,874.70	4,125.00	
	Expended		
Labor	1,728.08		
Stock, Teams and Over-			
head	1,147.42		
Invoices	1,225.96	4,101.46	
Balance		23.84	

CONTINUOUS WALKS ON ORDERS

First Street			
Order No. 16928		7,920.00	
	Expended		
Labor	693.52		
Stock, Teams and Overhead	5,698.41		
Invoices	11.00	6,402.93	
Balance		1,517.07	
Frost Avenue			
Order No. 16914	99.27	2,015.08	
Less:			
To General Account	99.27	2,015.08	
	Expended		
Labor	171.14		
Stock, Teams and Overhead	1,842.44		
Invoices	1.50	2,015.08	

Goss Avenue

Order No. 16840	2,289.00	
Less:		
To General Account	241.47	2,047.53

Expended

Labor	275.77	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	1,759.79	
Invoices	11.97	2,047.53

Franklin Street

Order No. 17491	8,011.00	
Less:		
To General Account	783.33	7,227.67

Expended

Labor	237.97	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	6,974.04	
Invoices	15.66	7,227.67

Florence Avenue

Order No. 16882	2,342.64	
Less:		
To General Account	792.85	1,549.79

Expended

Labor	285.72	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	1,264.07	1,549.79

Chester Street

Order No. 17053	1,202.39	
Less:		
To General Account	747.25	455.14

Expended

Labor	94.73	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	360.41	455.14

Perkins Street

Order No. 10713	3,650.00	
Less:		
To General Account	294.20	3,355.80

Expended

Labor	494.37	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	2,859.18	
Invoices	2.25	3,355.80

Laurel Street

Order No. 16968	2,237.00	
Less:		
To General Account	405.04	1,831.96

Expended

Labor	167.92	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	1,662.54	
Invoices	1.50	1,831.96

School Street

Order No. 16941	3,704.00	
Less:		
To General Account	377.34	3,326.66

Expended

Labor	35.40	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	3,291.26	3,326.66

FORESTRY

Care of Trees

Budget	3,250.00	
Order No. 17601	993.33	
Cash Receipts	77.45	4,320.78

Expended

Labor	3,470.38	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	493.04	
Invoices	241.36	4,204.78

Balance		116.00
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Planting New Trees

Budget	300.00	
Cash Receipts	190.00	490.00

Expended

Labor	215.36	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	44.63	
Invoices	186.27	446.26

Balance		43.74
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Moth Suppression

Budget		1,000.00
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Expended

Labor	418.03	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	77.53	
Invoices	499.68	995.24

Balance		4.76
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Moth Suppression, Private Estate

Budget		50.00
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Expended

Labor	27.84	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	16.49	44.33

Balance		5.67
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Other Insect Pests

Budget		1,000.00
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Expended

Labor	5.50	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	1.17	
Transfers	993.33	

 1,000.00

Other Expenses

Budget		450.00
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Expended

Invoices	46.48	
Overdraft 1925	.03	46.51

Balance		403.49
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Collection of Garbage

Budget	15,500.00	
Receipts, Cash	10.00	15,510.00

Expended

Labor	11,513.26	
Teams	3,204.66	
Invoices and Overhead	501.16	15,219.08

Balance		290.92
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Collection of Ashes and Rubbish

Budget	14,100.00	
Cash Receipts	5.76	14,105.76

Expended

Labor	8,732.09	
Teams	1,700.92	
Overhead	257.26	
Level Dumps	682.12	
Deliver Notices	88.90	
Paper Collections, etc.	2,642.98	14,104.27

Balance		1.49
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Street Cleaning

Budget		4,200.00
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Expended

Push Carts	2,165.43	
Machine Sweeper	2,165.43	
General	539.71	
Overhead	273.62	4,200.00

Public Works, Salaries and Wages

Budget		14,336.00
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Expended

Payrolls	14,252.66	
Liability Insurance	8.75	14,261.41

Balance		74.59
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Public Works, other Expenses

Budget		1,700.00
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Expended

Supplies	130.18	
Stationery and Printing	392.32	
Telephone	174.17	
Express and Freight	1.25	
Postage	170.00	
Auto Expenses, 11 months	773.50	
Sundries	57.70	1,699.12

Balance		.82
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Engineers, Salaries and Wages

Budget	6,500.00	
Cash Receipts	296.67	6,796.67

Expended

Payrolls	6,004.19	
Liability Insurance	60.56	6,064.75

Balance		731.92
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Engineers, other Expenses

Budget	1,400.00	
Cash Receipts	98.56	1,498.56

Expended

Supplies	204.36	
Stationery, etc.	51.24	
Telephone	24.90	
Use of Auto	1,008.00	
Sundries	171.48	1,459.98

Balance		38.58
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City Hall—Salaries and Wages

Budget		3,620.00
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Expended

Payrolls	3,294.10	
Liability Insurance	38.36	3,332.46

Balance		287.54
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City Hall, other Expenses

Balance 1925	7.49	
Budget	4,500.00	
Sundry Receipts	33.72	4,541.21

Expended

Supplies	181.40	
Alterations and Repairs	1,018.68	
Gas	25.59	
Electricity	1,156.62	
Express and Freight	1.35	
Coal	1,167.00	
Telephone	49.80	
Grading	156.50	
Labor	22.09	
Teams	1.12	
Sundries	680.32	4,510.47
Balance		30.74

City Hall, Alterations and Repairs

Budget	4,500.00
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Expended

Painting	1,297.23	
Floors	2,198.25	
Ceilings	210.00	
Electrical Work	62.50	
Sundries	515.00	
Labor	185.65	
Teams	8.88	
Overhead	19.44	4,499.65
Balance		.35

City Hall, Building Extension

Balance 1925	33,005.84	
Budget	300.00	33,305.84

Expended		
Plumbing	2,906.32	
Heating	1,536.43	
Building Construction.....	25,546.50	
Electrical Work	2,092.00	
Sundries	1,191.50	33,272.75
Balance		33.09
Grading Around City Hall		
Budget		1,500.00
Expended		
Labor	884.43	
Stock, Teams and Overhead	263.10	
Invoices	352.47	1,500.00
New Furniture and Furnishings, Aldermanic Chamber		
Order No. 17111		2,500.00
Expended		
Stock	2.64	
Invoices	2,489.34	2,491.98
Balance		8.02
Board of Survey, other Expenses		
Budget		25.00
Expended		
Invoices		4.00
Balance		21.00

STATISTICS

of

CITY OF MELROSE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population April 1, 1926	20,685
Number of Voters	8,807
Greatest extent of City north and south	2.44 miles
Greatest extent of City east and west	2.95 miles
Valuation of real estate	\$27,785,100
Valuation of personal property	\$3,484,900
Tax Rate per thousand	\$32.10
Area of City	Land.....3,079.50 acres
	Water..... 35.50 acres...3,115 acres
Length of Public Streets	50.06 miles
Length of Private Streets	16.68 miles
Total length of water mains	60.32 miles
Total length of sewers	47.44 miles
Range of pressure on mains from	100 to 23 lbs.
Number of 250 candlepower incandescent lights	60
Number of 60 candlepower incandescent lights	869
Number of luminous arcs, all night	51
	to midnight 21.....72

Areas of Parks:

Lincoln School Playground	1.60 acres
Horace Mann Playground	60. acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground	2.89 acres
Melrose Common	4.4 acres
Sewall Woods Park	9.0 acres
Ell Pond Park	30.41 acres
Pine Banks Park	81.8 acres
Middlesex Fells	170.0 acres
Area of Wyoming Cemetery	43.5 acres
Bowden Park	62. acres
Elevation Main Street at City Hall	61 feet above mean low tide
Elevation Franklin Square	85 feet above mean low tide

Report of Registrars of Voters

To His Honor the Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:

The Board of Registrars of Voters respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

Three elections were held during the year, viz: State Primaries, September 14, 1926, State Election, November 2, 1926; City Election, December 14, 1926.

Twenty-five meetings of the Registrars were held from June 25th to December 31st. Ten sessions for Registration were held.

In making up the annual register 1200 names were taken from the voting list, many of these were restored by finding name at another address, post cards were sent the remaining ones and altogether 635 names were restored, leaving 565 names finally taken from the list.

Revision of the Jury List was made, names on new list were placed in Jury Box by order of the Board of Aldermen. Copies of new list were sent to the Courts in this jurisdiction.

Following is the number on the Jury List by awrds:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
33	38	33	32	33	32	32	233

3840 names were certified on nomination papers, 451 of these for the State Primaries and 3389 for the City Election.

Summary of the Voting List for the year 1926:

Number of voters enrolled at State Primaries, September 14, 1926.

1	2	3-1	3-2	4	5	6	7-1	7-2	Total
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Republicans:

849	930	424	353	801	586	829	509	110	5391
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Democrats:

18	31	20	37	31	38	47	37	11	270
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Total number of registered voters Aug. 24, 1926..... 7546

Number registered and restored for State Primary.... 321

Number registered and restored for State Election.... 806

Number registered and restored for City Election.... 167

Total number registered and restored from August

24th to December 14th	1294
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Total number registered voters 8840

Deaths taken off up to December 10th 33

Total number registered voters at City Election,

Election, Dec. 14, 1926	8807
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By Wards

1	2	3-1	3-2	4	5	6	7-1	7-2	Total
Males:									
620	812	322	326	577	536	715	524	148	4580
Females:									
609	744	330	283	624	481	622	449	85	4227
Total:									
1229	1556	652	609	1201	1017	1337	973	233	8807

Petitions being filed for recounts for ward alderman in wards one and four, recount was held on December 17th, 1926, with no material change in result.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN L. CRAGIN *Chairman*

JOHN J. KEATING

CHARLES E. HOLT,

VICTOR C. KIRMES, *Clerk*

Board of Registrars of Voters.

Annual Report of the School Department

School Committee for 1927

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman, ELMER O. GOODRIDGE

Secretary, HERMAN H. STUART

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Name and Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Henry N. Andrews 54 York Terrace	Liberty 4900 . . . Melrose 1314-W	1930
Josiah D. Bullens 254 Porter Street	Melrose 1580 . . . Melrose 0497-J	1928
Mrs. Helen S. Campbell 34 Chestnut Street	Melrose 0714-M . . .	1928
Henry T. Claus 41 Morgan Street	Liberty 6600 . . . Melrose 1302	1928
Elmer O. Goodridge 463 Lebanon Street	Malden 3200 . . . Melrose 0476-W	1928
Ralph C. Heath 267 Washington Street	Melrose 1989-R . . .	1930
Mrs. Maude M. Johnson 44 Lincoln Street	Melrose 1351 . . .	1930
Harry F. Sears 44 Orris Street	Somerset 0522 . . . Melrose 0729-W	1930
Frank J. Sherman 167 Porter Street	Melrose 2763-W . . .	1930

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the Committee Room, High School Building, on the first Monday of every month, except during July and August, at 7.30 p. m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HERMAN H. STUART, 6 York Terrace

Office: High School Building

Telephone: Office, Melrose 2284 and 2285

Residence, Melrose 2690

Secretary: Ethel M. Spaulding, 81 Lynde Street

Telephone: Melrose 1728-R

Clerk: Emily N. Osgood, 39 Lake Avenue

Telephone : Melrose 0895-M

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance and Supplies

Mr. Sears Mr. Bullens Mr. Sherman Mr. Andrews

Schoolhouses and Janitors

Mr. Bullens Mr. Sherman Mr. Heath Mr. Claus

Teachers and Salaries

Mrs. Campbell Mr. Sears Mr. Claus Mrs. Johnson

Textbooks and Courses of Study

Mr. Andrews Mrs. Johnson Mrs. Campbell Mr. Heath

The Chairman of the School Committee is a member, ex-officio, of all standing committees.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1926-1927

FALL TERM 1926

Opens September 8
Closes December 23 at noon

WINTER TERM 1927

First Half: Opens Jan. 3
Closes Feb. 18
Second Half: Opens Feb. 28
Closes April 15

SPRING TERM 1927

Opens April 25
All schools close June 22

FALL TERM 1927

Opens Sept. 7

HOLIDAYS—October 12, Thanksgiving with day following and half day preceding, May 30, June 17.

"NO SCHOOL" SIGNAL

The "no school" signal will be sounded at three different places in the city—the Central Fire Station, Boston Rubber Shoe Company, Factory No. 2, and the Congregational Church in the Highlands. The time of such signal for the High School is 7.15 a. m., and for the grades 7.45 a. m. and 12.45 p. m. The signal is the number 22 four times.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

January 10, 1927

To the School Committee:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am herewith submitting my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

In the course of every enterprise it is profitable to pause at frequent intervals to make a survey of the business, and to see what has been done in the way of progress. If progress has been made it is interesting to note whether such progress has come about as a matter of chance, without design and expectation, or whether it has taken place as the result of a deliberately planned policy of improvement. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of bringing to your attention in this report some outcomes of your inspiration and guidance which have deepened and broadened the service of the public schools in this city.

School Accommodations

During the last five years the School Committee has been committed to a definite policy of expansion affecting school buildings. In the year 1921-22 there were nearly 800 elementary school children on part time, with many others housed in rooms which fell far short of reasonable standards. It is needless to state that the elementary school situation at that time was not only pressing, but critical. During this five year period there have been added to our elementary school plant 29 classrooms and 6 special rooms, not counting assembly halls, school libraries, and provision for health work. This is a splendid record. Although the School Committee is responsible for the initiation of this building program, due credit should be given to the appropriating bodies of the city for their co-operation.

The increase in the number of pupils in the high school has necessitated the use of 4 old elementary school rooms for high school purposes. Five elementary school rooms have been discarded, which gives us a net gain of 20 additional school rooms available for elementary school pupils. The 6 special classrooms have made possible some extensions to the program of studies, to which I shall refer later.

Extension and Enrichment of Program of Studies

Although the expansion which is evident in the increased size of our school plant is in itself noteworthy, a far greater contribution has been made by your Committee in the enlargement of the program of studies, and in the consequent enrichment of the

educational opportunities which have taken place. Your interest and your judgment are responsible for the contribution made to the children of this city through the introduction of manual training and household economics courses.

Five years ago the only manual training shop was in the basement of the high school building, to which pupils from all parts of the city were obliged to walk. The equipment was simple, and the work limited to bench work in woodworking. To-day we have two well designed manual training centers, equipped with proper tools and woodworking machinery.

Paralleling this work for the boys, the household economics work has grown from an equipment consisting of a few sewing machines placed in assembly halls, to two laboratories well equipped for the teaching of cooking and other house-keeping courses. These courses are well organized, and open to all boys and girls of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Your interest in providing work of this type has not been confined to the elementary schools. You have given attention also to the need of the girls in the high school for home-making courses. As a result, the high school this year, for the first time in its history, has a home-making suite where not only courses in cooking and sewing are offered, but also where instruction in household management, home decoration, and home nursing is given.

A certain amount of variability of the capacity of children to handle school work is expected in every class, and in recognition of this fact an attempt is made to adapt the teaching to as wide a range of individual differences as possible. There is, however, a type of child which has no place in the regular classroom because of his sheer inability to keep pace, even with the slowest. It has long been recognized that such children should be placed in special classes where work suited to their individual capacities and needs can be given. Where these children are scattered through the grades they lead a desultory sort of school life, without any apparent advantage to themselves. Besides, they place a heavy burden upon the teacher, and a handicap upon the other children.

Very wisely, your Committee has recognized the need of special classes in Melrose for these special children. During the last four years these special classes, of which there are three, have operated with increasing effectiveness. Much still needs to be done in two of these classes in the way of providing quarters more suited to the need, and in the way of equipment. The rooms and equipment at the new Winthrop School for the special

class there have set a standard not only for Melrose, but for other cities in this vicinity as well.

Extension of the Service of the Public Schools

Some of the most fruitful work of your Committee has been in a field hitherto untouched by the public school system of this city. It is easy and natural for school authorities to center their attention upon pupils who come to the public schools, and then only to consider their needs in the light of the traditional obligation of the school. Such important matters as attention to eye defects of children, improper nutrition, and speech correction, although affecting the work of the schools in a fundamental way, are too often left to other agencies, which many times fail to meet the situation.

The work of your Committee, through the speech clinic and the nutrition clinic, is indicative of the breadth of your interests in behalf of children who, under a School Committee less considerate of the needs, might grow up into adulthood with the handicap of mal-nutrition with all its attendant possibilities, or with speech defects so habituated that they would be irremediable. We cannot expect that the work of either one of these clinics will be 100 % corrective, but we are sure that sufficient improvement will be made to more than justify the work. The expense for this work is negligible.

Probably no work of the School Committee is received with such gratitude as the work of the itinerant teacher, who goes into the homes and carries the advantages of the public schools to unfortunate children who are physically unable to attend school. Many of these children are suffering from incurable diseases—others will outgrow their present infirmity. To all the itinerant teacher extends the opportunities of a systematic education which ought to be the common heritage of all children, whether they are strong or weak.

The evening home making courses for adults, which have been opened under the direction of your Committee, constitutes another outlet for service on the part of the public schools made possible through your authorization.

Within the schools themselves there have taken place desirable changes which, while not so obvious as those to which reference has been made, are nevertheless of importance in their effect upon the education of our pupils.

All of our thinking about education has undergone a change during the last decade. At the present time attention to the needs, interests and capacities of the individual pupil are brought

into high relief. The modern idea implies attention to health, character, worthy use of leisure, as well as command of the fundamental processes. A consistent effort is being made to eliminate those things which have been proven to be of comparatively little value from the standpoint of later use, and to substitute and teach those things which pupils should know.

We are beginning to understand the extent to which pupils differ in their ability to learn. An effort is being made to properly recognize this fact in the assignment of pupils to classes and divisions.

The contribution which educational measurements have made to the cause of education has been recognized, and some use has been made of both intelligence tests and subject tests by way of assistance in the proper placement of pupils within the school system.

Something has been done in the upper grammar grades in the way of giving an opportunity to pupils to try their abilities in fields of learning which they will encounter later in the high school program of studies. Much more needs to be done along this line.

Your Committee, recognizing the great task placed upon the schools and the comparatively short time allotted for this work, has very wisely lengthened the school year by one week.

The introduction of new activities in our high school has resulted in a situation which makes it difficult for the school to do well all of its assigned work within the short space of a five hour day. I believe your Committee ought seriously to consider lengthening the high school day. If this were done, I feel sure that many of the problems which now arise would be solved.

In concluding this report, I wish to express my appreciation of the staunch support given to me by the School Committee, and here to properly recognize the co-operation and the excellence of the teaching force.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. STUART,
Superintendent of Schools.

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar schools
1908-09	2869	2688	534	2539.22	511.46	1908.23	492.03	93	203
1909-10	2739	2314	582	2134.60	552.34	2027.92	531.49	107	202
1910-11	2601	2304	586	2096.10	546.70	1982.47	518.52	107	340
1911-12	2876	2103	711	1971.39	665.73	1856.89	634.47	93	302
1912-13		2001	802	1917.98	731.44	1817.81	687.03	84	229
1913-14		2048	767	1918.85	737.00	1838.22	720.87	100	193
1914-15		2061	805	1975.23	751.38	1862.62	723.07	163	187
1915-16	3240	2079	736	2000.78	677.68	1885.35	649.78	136	198
1916-17	3315	2041	698	1978.12	647.01	1878.00	636.00	114	192
1917-18	3495	2129	684	2022.77	618.47	1898.68	591.11	106	179
1918-19	3647	2192	644	2985.09	588.02	1924.15	560.24	98	185
1919-20	3982	2281	693	2152.17	616.54	1992.80	591.41	103	165
1920-21	4015	2412	647	2309.36	608.89	2200.92	582.07	121	214
1921-22	3925	2446	677	2377.92	642.41	2229.98	620.21	89	228
1922-23	3079	2570	715	2447.18	736.37	2259.76	705.92	111	177
1923-24	3244	2548	790	2423.27	803.62	2292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3657	2564	888	2497.10	831.69	2345.91	798.18	167	228
1925-26	*4255	2645	911	2528.09	870.46	2356.61	841.42	177	222

*Estimated.

TABLE II
DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS BY AGES AND GRADES IN THE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Age and enrolment as of April 1, 1926

BOYS																		
Grade	AGE																	Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
1		83	78	16	1		1											179
2		3	76	65	12	3	1											160
3			7	93	57	12	5	1	1									176
4				3	67	57	15	9	2									153
5					9	66	75	12	9	4								175
6						3	62	64	22	9	1							161
7							7	56	64	27	19	3						176
8								11	46	54	14	4	1	1				131
Specials			2	2	2	3	2	4	4	1	3		2					25
Total		86	163	179	148	144	168	157	148	95	37	7	3	1				1336

GIRLS																			
AGE																			
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total				
1		78	56	5	2										141				
2			70	59	9	5									143				
3			7	80	55	9	3	2	1						157				
4				5	83	38	19	4	2						151				
5					7	68	56	17	4	1	1				154				
6						8	74	62	10	8					162				
7						5	19	54	44	17	3	1	1		144				
8								7	56	56	19	7	2		147				
Special					4	2	1	1	5		2	1	2		18				
Total		78	133	149	160	135	172	147	122	82	25	9	5		1217				

TABLE III
DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS BY AGES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
April 1, 1926

BOYS											
	Age								21 and		Total
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Over	
Freshman	1	7	67	49	26	6	3				159
Sophomore			5	42	37	12	4				100
Junior				2	30	43	11	3			89
Senior				1	3	28	39	13	2		86
Special							5	1			6
Total	1	7	72	94	96	89	62	17	2		440

GIRLS											
	Age								21 and		Total
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Over	
Freshman			9	69	49	13	4				144
Sophomore			1	4	50	39	15	1	1		111
Junior				1	6	47	40	13	6	1	114
Senior						6	46	38	7	2	99
Special								2	1		3
Total		10	74	105	105	105	54	15	2	1	471

TABLE IV

Percentage of Pupils belonging June 1926 who **Failed** of Promotion

Schools	GRADES								Total Percent Failed
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Franklin			17.39	0.0	10.81	1.61			7.45
Gooch	18.18	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.55	0.0	18.42	14.29	6.93
Lincoln	24.39	8.10	6.81	0.0	4.77	0.0	2.56	0.0	5.83
Livermore					10.53	4.29			7.41
Ripley	30.77	5.26	13.04	0.0	0.0	0.0			8.18
Sewall	6.90	2.27	0.0	2.78					2.99
Warren	2.94	0.0							1.47
Washington	9.30	10.00	9.43	9.76	0.0	9.52	16.41	9.68	9.26
Whittier	13.11	0.0							6.56
Winthrop	1.96	5.56	0.0	2.50					3.58
Roosevelt			3.33	0.0	6.25	2.50	4.63	4.25	3.49
Total	13.44	3.90	6.25	1.88	5.27	2.56	10.51	7.06	5.74

Percentage of Pupils belonging June 1926 who were **Conditioned**

Schools	GRADES								Total Percent Con- ditioned
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Franklin			13.04	0.0	6.76	14.52			8.58
Gooch	27.27	16.00	15.79	12.90	45.45	6.89	18.42	17.86	20.07
Lincoln	9.75	8.10	18.18	3.03	7.14	6.97	28.21	16.67	12.26
Livermore					10.53	15.71			13.12
Ripley	11.54	0.0	16.96	18.75	9.09	4.76			10.18
Sewall	0.0	2.27	13.16	5.56					5.25
Warren	5.88	4.35							5.12
Washington	9.30	0.0	3.78	60.97	27.45	19.04	19.53	16.13	19.53
Whittier	13.11	0.0							6.56
Winthrop	9.80	11.11	5.77	10.00					9.17
Roosevelt			3.33	8.33	12.50	15.00	15.74	7.45	10.39
Total	10.83	5.23	11.25	14.94	16.99	11.84	20.48	14.53	10.93

TABLE V

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Jan. 1, 1926—Jan. 1, 1927

	Asked for by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriation	Expenditures	Balances
GENERAL CONTROL						
1. Administration Salaries	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	+	\$4,749.96	\$4,749.96	
2. Other General Salaries	3,025.00	3,025.00	—	2,975.04	2,940.95	34.09
3. Other General Expenses ..	1,900.00	1,900.00	+	2,093.00	2,083.69	9.31
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE						
1. Teachers' Salaries	227,187.00	226,000.00	+	771.00	226,770.55	.45
2. Textbooks and Supplies ...	15,000.00	15,000.00	—	140.00	14,869.43	7.34
			+	16.77		
3. Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	+	1,015.13	1,015.13	
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT						
1. Janitors	19,000.00	19,000.00	—	376.11	18,623.89	43.63
2. Fuel	12,000.00	11,000.00	—	325.00	10,675.00	1.12
3. Water	600.00	600.00	+	33.14	633.14	
4. Light	2,500.00	2,500.00	+	426.00	2,926.00	.78
5. Janitors' Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	+	180.84	1,173.43	7.41

TABLE V—Continued

	Asked for by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriation	Expenditures	Balance s
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS						
1. General Repairs	*15,000.00	*14,500.00	—	13,552.39	13,552.39	
			+	102.39		
2. Furniture and Furnishings	600.00	600.00	—	510.46	374.31	136.15
AUXILIARY AGENCIES						
1. Athletics	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	949.56	50.44
2. Janitors' Pension (Fogg)	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00	
3. School Nurse	**1,460.00	**1,460.00		**1,460.00	1,387.50	72.50
4. Tuition	3,000.00	3,000.00	—	2,054.00	1543.68	510.32
Reimbursement to Methodist Church for use of Parish House			+	1,225.00	1,225.00	
	\$309,472.00	\$306,785.00	+	\$306,821.62	\$305,948.08	\$873.54
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
Domestic Science		3,000.00			2,964.06	35.94
*Boiler Appropriation						
(Merged in Maintenance Account)		3,500.00				
**Additional Appropriation School Nurse		560.00				
						\$308,912.14

TABLE VII
COST PER PUPIL IN AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP FISCAL YEAR
1926

	High	Elementary
General Control	\$2,472.80	\$7,299.47
General Control per pupil	2.77	2.77
Teachers' Salaries	73,804.67	152,965.88
Teachers' Salaries per pupil	82.56	57.96
Textbooks	2,458.13	3,542.53
Textbooks per pupil	2.75	1.34
Supplies	3,732.27	5,136.50
Supplies per pupil	4.17	1.95
Operation of School Plant	10,208.28	23,777.65
Operation of School Plant per pupil	11.42	9.01
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	3,808.96	10,117.74
per pupil	4.26	3.83

TABLE VIII
TABLE SHOWING ENROLMENT, ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926
1. By Schools

School	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrolments	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	911	440	471	870.46	841.42	97.15
Franklin	278	137	141	272.19	254.80	94.76
Gooch	259	138	121	257.68	244.83	94.87
Lincoln	329	176	153	320.38	297.51	92.83
Livermore	176	96	80	168.81	160.35	95.26
Ripley	121	52	69	115.59	107.86	93.48
Roosevelt	363	187	176	340.08	316.74	93.31
Sewall	145	78	67	132.15	122.12	91.82
Warren	87	54	33	80.94	71.15	90.47
Washington ..	576	282	294	546.08	516.92	94.39
Whittier	123	70	53	122.14	109.35	89.56
Winthrop	188	110	78	172.05	154.98	90.06
Totals	3,556	1,820	1,736	3,398.55	3,198.03	94.57

TABLE VIII—Continued
2. By Grades

Grades	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollments	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Post						
Graduate	9	6	3	9.00	5.36	97.27
Senior	185	86	99	175.21	169.10	96.52
Junior	203	89	114	197.96	189.83	95.89
Sophomore	211	100	111	205.33	199.66	97.23
Freshman	303	159	144	286.45	277.47	96.83
Eighth	291	135	156	281.84	270.08	96.09
Seventh	328	174	154	314.45	300.53	95.54
Sixth	339	171	168	316.35	299.99	95.22
Fifth	361	191	170	345.70	328.40	95.07
Fourth	305	151	154	280.35	261.94	93.54
Third	346	182	164	304.32	284.03	93.43
Second	303	163	140	292.59	265.88	90.75
First	336	188	148	351.47	311.73	88.64
Special	36	25	11	37.53	34.53	92.00
Totals	3,556	1,820	1,736	3,398.55	3,198.03	94.57

TABLE IX
AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS IN THE DIFFERENT GRADES
October 1, 1926

Primary,	Grade 1	6 years	5 months
	Grade 2	7 years	5 months
	Grade 3	8 years	6 months
	Grade 4	9 years	6 months
Grammar	Grade 5	10 years	8 months
	Grade 6	11 years	7 months
	Grade 7	12 years	10 months
	Grade 8	14 years	1 month
High,	Freshman Class	14 years	11 months
	Sophomore Class	15 years	10 months
	Junior Class	16 years	8 months
	Senior Class	17 years	1 month
	Post Graduates	17 years	11 months

TABLE X
NUMBER OF TEACHERS, INCLUDING PRINCIPALS, IN THE
DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS

June 30, 1926

	Male	Female	Total
High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)	10	24	34
Grammar (Grades 5, 6, 7, 8)	0	41	41
Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4)	0	44	44
Supervisors, Music	1	1	2
Drawing	0	1	1
Manual Training	2	0	2
Household Arts	0	2	2
Primary	0	1	1
Physical Education	1	1	2
Nurse	0	1	1
Total	14	116	130

TABLE XI
REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSES
January 1926 to January 1927

	High School	Franklin	Gooch	Lincoln	Livermore	Ripley	Roosevelt	Sewall	Warren	Washington	Whittier	Winthrop	Total
Number of visits	56	52	76	80	80	37	49	90	48	86	54	50	758
Number of children examined	280	2012	1555	1665	1167	940	1622	1071	1478	2139	1902	2451	18,282
Number of visits to homes	0	237	81	118	58	40	69	64	33	133	229	84	1,146
Number of children taken to hospitals or dispensaries.....													
	336	2301	1712	1863	1305	1017	1740	1225	1559	2359	2185	2585	20,187
										1	1		1

TABLE XII
SHOWING SCHOOL ROOMS, SITTINGS AND NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL
BUILDING IN THE CITY
February 1, 1927

	High	Franklin	Whittier	Washington	Lincoln	Gooch	Livermore	Roosevelt	Warren	Winthrop	Ripley
Number of regular classrooms	34	9	4	14	8	8	4	10	4	14	3
Number of sittings in regular classrooms.....	1265	340	142	588	310	308	144	400	138	368	100
Number of teachers excluding principals.....	39	9	4	15	11	8	5	13	3	13	3

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Sept. 30, 1926

School	Buildings	Land	Furnishings
High	\$300,000	\$58,200	\$20,000
Washington	100,000	5,000	10,000
Franklin	60,000	10,000	5,000
Gooch	50,000	4,500	5,000
Livermore	35,000	6,600	2,500
Warren	14,000	3,000	2,500
Lincoln	60,000	9,000	5,000
Sewall	8,000	7,400	2,500
Winthrop	11,000	3,000	2,500
Whittier	7,500	3,000	2,500
Roosevelt	177,000	2,000	15,000
New Ripley	54,000	4,000	1,500
	\$876,500	\$115,700	\$74,000
Washington Playground	\$2,500		
Lincoln Playground	6,500		

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose, April 1, 1926	21,000
Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrolments school year 1925-26	3,556
Number in High School	911
Number in Elementary Schools	2,645
Total approved school bills fiscal year 1926	\$305,948.08
Amount expended for High School (exclusive of General Control)	94,512.31
Cost per pupil in the High School based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1926 to Jan. 1, 1927 (894)	105.72
Amount expended for Elementary Schools fiscal year 1926	210,935.77
Cost per pupil in elementary schools based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1926 to Jan. 1, 1927 (2639)	79.93
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools)	1,044.88
Amount expended for tuition (evening high)	498.86
Number of Special Teachers and Supervisors Jan. 1, 1927	7
Number of School Nurses Jan. 1, 1927 (1 full time, 1 half time)	2
Number of High School Teachers including Principals, Jan. 1, 1927	39
Number of Elementary Teachers including Principals, Jan. 1, 1927	92
Number of pupils Jan. 1, 1927 enrolled per teacher in High School excluding Principal	24
Number of pupils enrolled per teacher in elementary schools, excluding non-teaching Principals, Jan. 1, 1927	30

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Exercises

Class of 1926

PROGRAM

INVOCATION

Rev. Lester L. Lewis

OVERTURE—"Poet and Peasant" *Suppe*CHORUS—"Italian Street Song" *Victor Herbert*
(Obligato, Eileen McKenna)SALUTATORY and ESSAY—"West to East"
Anna Louise CarlsonAVE MARIA—(Meditation on a Prelude, by J. S. Bach)
Bach-Gounod

Violin Solo—Warren Pike

ESSAY—"The American Girl's Inheritance"
Mildred K. BatesAMERICAN PATROL *Meacham*CHORUS—"Sundown" *Wilson*
(Theme from an Old Irish Melody)VALEDICTORY and ESSAY—"The Open Door"
Elizabeth B. Barry

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRINCIPAL

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Harry F. Sears
*Chairman of the School Committee*MARCH—"On the Mall" *Goldman*

AMERICA

The Class—Audience—Orchestra

HONORS

Those who have averaged A's and B's for four years

Elizabeth Barry
Mildred Bates
Anna Carlson
Ruth Eaton

Elizabeth George
Barbara Taylor
Helen Kendrick
Dorothy Varney

Prizes awarded June 1926

LEVI GOULD MEDAL

Elizabeth Barry

RUTH ANSELL MORRISON PRIZE . . . Barbara Taylor

WASHINGTON and FRANKLIN MEDAL—MASSACHUSETTS

S. A. R. Mary A. Quinn

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA**Violins**

Clyde Borgal
Vivien Borgal
Virginia Brown
Alvin Curtis
Alexander Dubrofsky
Harry Dunlay
Warren Ells
Helen Fellows
Dorothy Huse
Gladys Johnson
Warren Lockwood

Dorothy Loring
Joseph Maguire
Harold Merrifield
Bernard Moors
Elizabeth Moulton
Louis Norris
Warren Pike
Margaret Quinn
Irene Rendall
Gladys Stevens
Katherine Swett

Flute

Ruth Bigglestone
Marjorie Houser
Florence MacDonald

Drums

Paul Ehlert
Arthur Goodwin
Melville Prior
Agnes Stevens

Cello

Virginia Ball
Anna Bayliss
Helen Kendrick

Cornets

Lella Cutts
Marion Davis
Ruth Gerry
Donald McKie
Richard Means
Richard Nason
Agnes Reardon
Margaret Rourke

Alto Horn

Eric Sherburne

Clarinet

Dorothy Pike
Lawrence Stuart

Piano

Dorothy Lynde
 Eileen McKenna
 James Milano
 Eliot Smith
 Elizabeth Taylor

Saxophone

Robert Colby

Librarians

Dexter Auerbach
 Arnold Creelman

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL**GRADUATION CLASS OF 1926**

John J. Ahern
 Robert P. Allan
 Donald Allmon
 Elizabeth Blair Anderson
 Ralph O. Andren
 Geraldine Appler
 Lawrence Frederick Asplind
 Jennie May Atwood
 Edith Harriet Austin
 Earl W. Ballester
 Ruth Evelyn Barrows
 Elizabeth Botsford Barry
 Evelyn Mildred Batchelder
 Mildred Kimball Bates
 Lauraine Estelle Beane
 Helen Margaret Becherer
 Charles Eliot Bell
 Elsa Louise Berry
 George D. Bissell, Jr.
 Harold G. Bolton
 Marion G. Bourne
 Philip Hilaire Bourneuf
 Laura Goodwin Brand
 Sadie Catherine Burns
 Mary Barbara Burr
 Esther Florence Burt
 Evelyn Clifton Burt
 Marguerite Maxine Burton
 Anna Louise Carlson
 John Carr
 Edward Sidney Casey
 George Edward Chamberlain, Jr.
 Kendrick Winter Chapman

Albert Francis Clarke
 Earle S. Clarke
 Philip A. Coleman
 Gwendolin Cook
 William DeWitt Cope
 Philip Angus Cooper
 Edmund Joseph Coye
 Kenneth E. Crossman
 M. Elizabeth Cummings
 Alvin Wentworth Curtis
 Thomas P. Cushman
 Charles Leon Daniell
 Marion Frances Davis
 Ellis Hamilton Dean
 Sylvia Dilyock
 Katherine Louise Dobyns
 Edward Joseph Donovan
 Josephine Hazel Dow
 Alexander Dubrofsky
 Howard Mial Dustin
 Willard Lloyd Dwyer
 Ruth Holland Eaton
 Herman F. Ehlert
 Nellie Jane Emery
 Donald Pond Felt
 Dorothy Esther Fogg
 Arline C. Ford
 Elizabeth Grace French
 Alona Wentworth Friend
 Howard Newell Furber
 William Campbell Gardner
 Winthrop Kerper Garniss
 Mary Elizabeth George
 Pauline R. Gershon

Gladys May Gibbons
George Leslie Gladding
Helena Mildred Glenn
Curtis H. Glover
Simon Goldfarb
Mary Eleanor Goodwin
Ashton Elmar Gourley
Raymond York Grace
Irene Viola Graham
Carroll Franklin Greene
Edward Lewis Greenleaf
Regina Marie Gross
Ruth Harcourt Gurnett
Hazel M. Hamilton
Thomas Edward Hannegan,
Jr.
Veronica L. Harrington
J. Dalton Harrow
Doris E. Hodgkins
Joseph Gordon Huckins
Gladys M. Johnson
Muriel Branch Johnson
Thelma M. Johnston
Helen Bernice Jones
Joseph Edward Kehoe
Helen Margaret Kendrick
Helen Irene Kennedy
Raymond C. Kidd
Jessie Frances King
William James Lane
Hazel G. Leavy
Elizabeth Cole Leslie
Dorothy Christina Loring
Everton Hanscom Loveless
Russell Winfield MacCabe
Ralph Albert MacKenzie
Thomas Ernest Magee
George L. Maidrand, Jr.
Geraldine Elaine Marsh
Helen Taylor Mather
Betty Warren Mathias
Donald Alexander McBeth
Eileen Bernadette McKenna
Emily M. McKenzie
Truman John Menadue

Dorothy Robinson Meriam
Joseph A. Milano, Jr.
Lester R. Moulton, Jr.
Elizabeth Harding Mullock
Harold Joseph Murphy
Marguerite Louise Murphy
Michael Muskavitz
Mildred Frances Nash
Philip Emerson Newman
Florence Olive Nordstrom
Esther Loring Nourse
William D. Noyes
Eleanor Gertrude O'Malley
Andrew Currier Paton
Parker Wood Perry
Ruth Perry
Alice Gertrude Peters
Frank Richard Pierce
Paul Hector Provandie
Margaret Evelyn Quinn
Mary A. Quinn
Daniel Joseph Reardon
Irene Upham Rendall
Helen Tripp Richardson
Clarence A. Ripley
Chester Holder Roberts
Margaret Rourke
Ardis Lillian Sanford
Laurence F. Sanford
Marguerite Sargent
Helen Clarke Sayward
G. Benjamin Shaw
George Joseph Shaw
Eric Noerr Sherburne
Vincent J. Simeone
Elisabeth Small
Donald Wing Smith
Edith Winship Smith
Shirley Smith
Esther Muriel Souther
Nadine Frances Stephen
Russell Stetson
Agnes Stevens
Pearl Frances Storey
Max Hodge Straw

Peary Selden Stuart
 Natalie Clare Sturges
 Barbara Taylor
 Edith Virginia Tower
 Marjorie Clark Truesdell
 Mabel Gertrude Tukey
 Frances Madeline Turner
 Dorothy Louise Varney
 Dorothy Christine Walker
 Florence May Walker
 Lester Willis Waterman

Josephine Gertrude Webb
 Ruth Clarke Wellington
 Florence Belding Wells
 Norman Frederick Wells
 M. Gertrude West
 Ellen Elizabeth White
 Albert Hinds Whitney
 Frank Joseph Wilk
 Mabel Louise Woods
 Dorothy Lillian Wright

D. W. Gooch School

Constance W. Bennett
 Sydney Berkman
 Antonio J. Cincotta
 Louise E. Churchill
 Gertrude A. Fortier
 Annie R. Gittes
 Marjorie F. Goldthwait
 Eleanor L. Hamlin
 Doris A. Kennedy
 Alice L. Lossone

Charles E. MacCormack
 Barbara L. Macullar
 Frederick H. McDonell
 Henry G. Neunzer
 John V. Stankovitch
 Marjorie T. Sturges
 C. Esther Thomson
 Dorothy M. Wheeler
 Lillian M. MacLennan

Lincoln School

Roy A. Bagley
 Elisabeth I. Ball
 Herbert W. Berry
 Oliver E. Butler
 John M. Carakatsanos
 Glenys V. Davis
 Walter J. Doucette
 D. Bruce Flanagan
 Harriet R. Kylie
 Frank J. Lilly
 Frank H. MacLean
 Arthur H. Margeson
 Edna L. Marr

Linda B. Moore
 Gerald E. Murray, Jr.
 F. Wilford Patten
 Mary-Elizabeth Pierce
 Ethel M. Russell
 Eunice C. Sample
 Lily Sanders
 Mildred Saterlay
 George P. Spadafora
 Gordon W. VanBuskirk
 Louise A. Wallburg
 Phyllis G. Winch

Roosevelt School

Ernest W. Chard
 Warren P. Clark
 Everett L. Cook
 Lawrence D. Doore

Irving M. Harlow
 Theodore R. Hupper
 Robert J. Legg
 Arthur B. Pike

R. Clark Wallace, Jr.	Edna G. Kidd
R. Errington Ward	William R. Montgomery
Charles N. Wellman	Rosalynd C. Norwood
Ruth E. Bancroft	H. Richard Page, Jr.
Beth E. Briggs	Kathryn G. Peck
Eunice E. Bryer	George L. Pierce
Stella M. Cattanach	Margaret H. Ratcliffe
Helen M. Cole	Leonard H. Roberts
Edna E. Dalby	W. Randolph Thornton
Edna V. Farrell	Philip D. Walls
Barbara Furber	William F. Weir
Barbara Gerrish	Elizabeth R. Whittemore
Dorothy M. Hixon	Evelyn' E. Whittier
Marjorie E. Hoeckel	Robert T. Allmon
Irene I. Jones	Wendell P. Barthelmes
Ruth C. Keeney	Gilman N. Bickford
Jane F. Maguire	Nathaniel B. Blackstone
Ruth Monroe	Harold F. Blatchford
Esther W. Mullock	C. Herbert Brettell
Helen O'Malley	Norman J. Cooper
Arline F. Rogers	Herbert B. Dame, Jr.
Ruth Brant	Frank D. Grosser
Felicia Townsend	Warren L. Harrington
Marjorie E. VanCor	Irving B. Lamprey
Natalie N. Varley	Tyler W. Lewis
Eleanor Walker	Kenneth O. Peck
Eva M. Wellington	Jack A. Preece
Margaret G. Alvord	Karl G. Wheeler
Daniel Cadigan	Frederic A. White
Paul A. Cassell	Leonard C. Whitford
Geraldine A. Clark	Clarence W. Wilson
Byron H. Collins	Erna E. Allen
Dorothy E. Darling	Laura Burke
Edward L. Eyans	Dorothy E. Dow
Karl A. Fellows	Florence Hecht
John G. Glover	Grace E. Hultgren
Hannah O. Hamilton	Muriel M. McCormick
Fred D. Harrington	Dorothy M. Munn
Florence Ilsey	Avis V. I. Shaw

Washington School

William R. Alexander	Dorothy Burney
Martha H. Atwood	Lois P. Cutting
Elizabeth Bavier	Doris E. Donnelly
Armand A. Benoit	Carolyn Dow

Warren M. Fletcher
 Isabel L. French
 Loring R. Guibord
 Richard T. Hill
 George M. Hinckley
 Dorothy Holmes
 A. Willard Jackson
 Nelson D. King
 Marjorie D. Knapp
 Marjorie D. Mack
 Stanley C. Mason
 George R. Merriam, Jr.
 Eunice R. Nash
 E. Flint Page
 V. Edward Perkins
 Shirley W. Pray
 Margaret E. Quigley
 Joseph E. Quigley
 Dorothy M. Raymond
 William P. Reed
 E. Walton Russell, Jr.
 Dorothy M. Sanford
 Barbara Small
 Gertrude I. Smith
 Madeline M. Smith
 Lawrence H. Stanley
 Janet Thomas
 L. Gwendolyn Towner
 Betty Turner
 Janet Willey
 R. Wesley Wilbur
 Donald B. Wood
 F. Elwood Allmon
 Dora M. Berry

Rendall W. Boyce
 Ruth L. Brady
 Dean F. Bumpus
 Henry R. Cattley
 Marion Chisholm
 Grace B. Crooker
 Evelyn Ellsworth
 Marie C. Fester
 Robert N. Gile
 Charles H. Gurnett
 Thelma J. Hindon
 Vera L. Howard
 Warren S. Kinney
 Mary E. Knight
 William L. Lawrence
 Wilbur C. Lesman
 Anna S. Lindquist
 Arthur B. Lord, Jr.
 Frank G. Meriam
 Gretchen H. Morash
 Everett H. Newhall
 Florence J. Patterson
 Byron E. Ruiter
 Ruth M. Sizer
 Melvin A. Sparling
 Frederick G. Stewart
 Robert J. Swensen
 Olive M. Wilbur
 Bertha E. Wilson
 Mildred L. Woods
 Helen M. MacKensie
 Edna E. Maidrand
 Clayton J. Main
 William A. Mason, Jr.

LEVI GOLD MEDAL

Armond A. Benoit, Washington School

EIGHTH GRADE PRIZE

W. C. T. U. Prize Compositions

First Prize:

Warren Clark, Roosevelt School

Honorable Mention:

Edna Farrell, Roosevelt School

Hesseltine Prize Composition

First Prize:

Frank Lilly, Lincoln School

Honorable Mention:

Warren Clark, Roosevelt School

Ruth Keeney, Roosevelt School

Doris Kennedy, Gooch School

SEVENTH GRADE PRIZE

Humane Society Prize Composition

First Prize:

Phyllis Brown, Washington School

Honorable Mention:

Eleanor Moody, Roosevelt School

Lawrence Heath, Lincoln School

LEGION CUP

**To the school having the greatest number of points in athletics
for the year.**

Washington School

SEVENTH GRADE PRIZE

Melrose Woman's Club Prize

First Prize:

David Woodbury, Washington School

Honorable Mention:

Louise Wallburg, Lincoln School

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report for 1926 of the Weights and Measures Department ending Dec. 31, 1926.

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	34
Sealed	1,080
Condemned	27

GASOLINE PUMPS

Sealed	64
Condemned	4
Positive stops sealed	358
Positive stops adjusted	121

TRIAL WEIGHINGS

Number of tests correct, 228; under 5; over 9; total 242.

APPROPRIATION

Salaries and Wages	\$1,000.00
Other expenses	200.00

\$1,200.00

Expended for salary equipment, etc.	\$1,153.81
Unexpended balance	46.19

\$1,200.00

Payment to City Treasurer, Sealing and License Fees	\$267.92
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Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP B. CARRUTHERS,
Sealer Weights and Measures.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith our report of the Sinking Fund Commission for the financial year ended December 31, 1926.

We have had the requirements of the various Sinking Funds computed by Messrs. Fenton and Waddell of the Department of Corporations and Taxation, State House, Boston, as at December 1, 1926. As a result, we find there is a large surplus over our requirements. Under date of January 10, 1927, we asked you to authorize us to surrender to the City Treasurer for cancellation some \$130,000. of City of Melrose bonds now held in the Sinking Fund.

In conformity with the report received from Messrs. Fenton and Waddell, we are presenting our report in a somewhat different form than heretofore. The cash and securities are treated as one fund and the earnings have been pro-rated to the several funds on the basis of the amount in each fund at the beginning of the year, making allowance for \$50,000.—Melrose Sewer 4% paid July 1, 1926. As the year 1925 was treated in the same manner, there is a variation in the application of the funds at January 1, 1926, as compared with our report of last year, the entire fund of course being unchanged.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD J. KITCHING,
FRANKLIN P. SHUMWAY,
MAURICE G. COCHRANE,
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

CONSOLIDATED SINKING FUNDS

	Cash	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1926..	\$18,413.02	\$259,000.00	\$277,413.02
On hand December 31, 1926	24,240.37	223,500.00	247,740.37

Receipts

Securities matured or sold	\$35,500.00	
Premium on securities sold	247.50	
Accrued interest on securities sold	223.12	
Interest on investments	11,189.93	
Appropriations from City:	4,267.40	
School	\$2,592.56	
Surface Drainage	1,674.84	
Sewer assessments	4,528.18	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1926	18,413.02	
TOTAL		\$74,369.15

Payments

Transferred to City—Sewer	\$50,000.00	
Discount on advance payment of interest	3.78	
Expenses:		
Safe deposit box	10.00	
Treasurer's bond	40.00	
E. H. Fenton and T. N. Waddell ..	75.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1926	24,240.37	
TOTAL		\$74,369.15

SCHOOL LOAN SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1926	\$56,451.34	
Appropriation	2,592.56	
Earnings (net)	2,579.66	
		\$61,623.56
Balance December 31, 1926		61,623.56

SEWER LOAN SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1926	\$145,822.40	
Sewer assessments	4,528.18	
Earnings (net)	5,519.10	
		\$155,869.68
Transferred to City	\$50,000.00	
Balance December 31, 1926	105,869.68	
		155,869.68

SURFACE DRAINAGE SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1926	\$75,139.28	
Appropriation	1,674.84	
Earnings (net)	3,433.01	
		\$80,247.13
Balance December 31, 1926		80,247.13

RECAPITULATION

Cash	\$ 24,240.37	
Securities	223,500.00	
		\$247,740.37

Sinking Funds:

School Loan	\$ 61,623.56	
Sewer Loan	105,869.68	
Surplus Drainage Loan	80,247.13	
		247,740.37

SECURITIES HELD IN THE SINKING FUNDS

December 31, 1926

Par Value	Description	Rate	Due Date
\$ 10,000.	City of Melrose, Mass., Sewer	4%	July 1, 1935
10,000.	City of Melrose, Mass., Sewer	4%	June 1, 1937
10,000.	City of Melrose, Mass., Sewer	4%	July 1, 1937
100,000.	City of Melrose, Mass., Surface Drainage	4%	July 15, 1932
10,000.	City of Clinton, Mass.	3½%	July 1, 1930
1,000.	City of Los Angeles, Calif.	4½%	June 1, 1932
1,000.	City of Los Angeles, Calif.	4½%	June 1, 1942
8,000.	Boston & Albany R.R. Co.	4%	May 1, 1933
10,000.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co.	4½%	April 1, 1929
500.	Boston Elevated Ry. Co.	4%	May 1, 1935
2,000.	Boston Elevated Ry. Co.	4½%	Oct. 1, 1937
15,000.	Boston Elevated Ry. Co.	4½%	Nov. 1, 1941
3,000.	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co.	3½%	July 1, 1949
17,000.	Fitchburg R.R. Co.	4½%	May 1, 1928
5,000.	Portland Terminal Co.	4%	July 1, 1961
15,000.	U. S. Liberty Loan, 2nd	4¼%	Nov. 15, 1942
4,000.	U. S. Liberty Loan, 3rd	4¼%	Sept. 15, 1928
2,000.	U. S. Liberty Loan, 4th	4¼%	Oct. 15, 1938

\$223,500.

DISPOSITION OF CASH BALANCE

December 31, 1926

Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	\$6,075.00
Malden Savings Bank	3,025.00
Melrose Savings Bank	7,575.86
Melrose Trust Co.	7,564.51
	\$24,240.37

Soldiers' Relief Department

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:—

I most respectfully present the following report for State Aid, Military Aid, Soldiers' Burial and Soldiers' Relief for the year 1926.

State Aid—refunded by the state	\$1,206.00
Military Aid—½ refunded by the State	160.00
Soldier's Burial—refunded by the State	60.00
Soldiers Relief:—	
Cash payments	\$4,763.00
Groceries & Milk	328.11
Fuel	673.45
Medicine	12.84
Board	155.00
Rent	20.00
Doctor	61.00
Nursing	.75
	\$6,013.65
Refunded by City of Lynn	43.50
Total Expenditures	\$5,970.15
Other Expense	\$114.31
General Administration:	
Salary—Jan. 1, 1926 to July 1, 1926	\$250.00
July 1, 1926 to Jan. 1, 1927	350.00
Total Salary	\$600.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. KENAH, Agent.

Report of Board of Fence Viewers

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I most respectfully present the following report of the Fence Viewers for the year 1926.

Petition of Nellie Bachelder of No. 44 Henry Avenue, Melrose Highlands for a division line fence between her property and that of adjoining owners Sarah G. Bissell and Warren L. Adams.

Hearing—petition granted, and decree made. Later decree revoked. Matter settled by parties.

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL J. LUCEY,
Chairman of Board of Fence Viewers.

Report of Wire Department

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Fire Alarm System

One thousand and four inspections of box movements were made making the necessary repairs and adjustments.

All boxes was painted one coat of fire alarm red.

Fire Alarm Boxes were installed on all School Houses and also at the following locations: Tremont and the Parkway; Lake Ave. opposite the Fitch Home; Crescent Ave. and Francis St.

One hundred and twenty-four four pin arms were replaced with new.

Five miles on weatherproof was pulled in to repair old bare wire.

Police Signal System

A new new and up to date police desk has been installed at Police Headquarters to replace the old switch board which was worn out.

Nine hundred and four inspections of box movements were made installing ten new finger springs and five dozen phone batteries.

Three miles of waterproof was pulled in.

One hundred and six two pin and forty six pin arm have been installed.

Inspection of Wires

Seventeen hundred and forty-five requests for inspection were received making a total of three thousand and two, and issuing to the Malden Electric Co. fourteen hundred and ten permits allowing the current to be turned on.

Recommendations

That the City Wires on Main St. from Franklin Sq. be pulled in under ground, to the Wakefield line.

That five fire and five police boxes be added to their respective systems.

That an eight circuit repeater be installed at Fire Alarm Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. EDWARDS,
Inspector of Wires.

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